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Hongkong, 27th November, 1901.To-day's
Advertisements.

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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1901. [1407c]

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Hongkong, 24th December, 1901. [1405c]

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COMPANY, LIMITED.FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

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Captain Payne, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 31st instant, at Noon.

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General Managers.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1901. [1406c]

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COMPANY, LIMITED.FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
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General Managers.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1901. [1404c]

To-day's
Advertisements.IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE No. 2 OF
1892.

AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF
WILLIAM LAWRENCE VOELKER,
OF 42, BERNARD STREET, LONDON,
ENGLAND, ELECTRICIAN, FOR LETTERS
PATENT FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE
WITHIN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG, OF
AN INVENTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS
IN THE MANUFACTURE OF FILAMENTS
FOR INCANDESCENT ELECTRIC
LAMPS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the PETITION, SPECIFICATION and DECLARATION required by the above-cited Ordinance have been duly filed in the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong and that it is the intention of the said WILLIAM LAWRENCE VOELKER by DEEDS AND DEEDS, his Solicitors, to apply at the Sitting of the Executive Council, hereinafter mentioned, for LETTERS PATENT for the exclusive use within the said Colony of Hongkong of the above named Invention. And Notice is hereby also given that a Sitting of the Executive Council, before whom the Matter of the said Petition will come for decision will be held in the Council Chamber, at the GOVERNMENT OFFICES, Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 9th day of JANUARY, 1902, at 11 A.M. Dated this Twenty-fourth day of December, 1901.

DENNIS & BOWLEY,
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[1408c]

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WILLIAM H. BENTLEY,
(Backer).

[Note.—Mr. Bentley has deposited twenty sovereigns with us as an earnest of good faith. All challenges to be sent to this office. Ed.—H.K.T.]

Hongkong, 20th December, 1901. [1361c]

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

DEATH.

At Hankow, on the 19th of December, of
scarlet fever, ALBERT, eldest son of Juan Men-
carini, of the I.M. Customs, in his 16th year.

BIRTH.

One the 10th inst. at The Tors, Kishao Cho,
Kobe, the wife of F. J. BARDENS, of a son.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1901.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

AUSTRALIA.

RELEASE OF CAPTAIN OF
THE "NECKER."

LONDON, December 21st.

The Captain of the N. D. L. steamer
Necker, imprisoned at Fremantle for non-
payment of the fine imposed for contraven-
ing the new Australian Customs law, has
been released, the agents of the vessel having
given their bond for the payment of the fine
and costs.

SOUTH AFRICA.

ENGAGEMENT WITH DE WET.

General Sir J. G. Dartnell has had an en-
gagement with the Boers under De Wet
near Langberg. Fighting lasted for four
hours, the enemy being eventually driven off.THE FRENCH LOAN AGAINST
CHINA'S INDEMNITY.

December 22nd.

The French loan against the security of
the Chinese indemnity has been covered
twenty four times.CHILI AND THE ARGENTINE
REPUBLIC.The boundary dispute between Chili and
the Argentine Republic is expected to re-
sult in war between the two countries.

SOUTH AFRICA.

THE NATIONAL SCOUTS.

Two hundred burghers of Standerton,
Southern Transvaal, have joined the national
scouts.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

WE WISH ALL OUR READERS

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.

TO-MORROW being Christmas Day, there
will be no issue of the *Hongkong Telegraph*.WANT OF SPACE forces us to hold over
correspondence on the subject of private chair
and ricksha coolies.SMALL-POX.—During the week ended 21st
December there was one case of small-pox re-
ported as occurring in the Colony.THE FRENCH FLAGSHIP *D'Entrecasteaux*
arrived from Japan yesterday afternoon, and the
customary salutes were exchanged.THE TRADE COMMISSION.—Sir James
L. Mackay and suite, and Mr. C. J. Dudgeon,
returned to Shanghai on the 20th inst. from the
Yangtze Ports.APPOINTMENT.—Mr. Phillip Watts of
Armstrong's Works, Elswick, succeeds Sir
William White, K.C.B., as director of Naval
Construction at the Admiralty.OUR CHRISTMAS NUMBER.—There has
been such a run on our Christmas number that
we haven't a single copy left. We shall have
to print a larger edition next year.SIGNS OF CHRISTMAS are apparent on
all hands. The hotels are sporting their deco-
rations and the Wyndham Street flower sellers
have done a roaring trade all day in evergreens.THE S.S. *SKRANSTADT* is being raised
slowly but surely. The stern is now well
off the ground and no difficulty is
anticipated in getting her well afloat in a
short time.ENQUIRER.—Gibb says he can't publish the
initials of the hero of "Veronica's Vengeance."
Surely you must see that it wouldn't be fair to
take up old scores! Besides, they don't live in
Hongkong now.THE FLEET will present a very pretty
spectacle to-morrow, as great preparations are
being made for Christmas decorations. We
hear that the little *Waterwitch* intends to
"take the cake"—or should it be pudding?GOOD NEWS.—Those who are con-
templating a trip home next year, will fully ap-
preciate the announcement re reduced fares made
elsewhere. It will be noticed that the French
and German mails have followed the good
example set by the P. & O.L'UNION FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF
PARIS through their local agents, Messrs.
Marty and Co. are distributing a very striking
Calendar for 1902, also one of the neatest little
pocket books we have yet seen. Just small
enough to fit in the waistcoat pocket and
large enough to be useful as well as orna-
mental.KOWLOONITES are gruffly growling at the
raising of the first-class fare by the Ferry Com-
pany, but there is so little cohesion and public
spiritedness amongst them that it looks as
though the imposition would be meekly sub-
mitted to. Surely the European population of
Kowloon is now large enough to take up the
cudgels in its own defence and start an op-
position ferry!MRS. R. COTTAM & CO. for FOOT-
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DRESSING GOWN.MRS. R. COTTAM & CO. for PATENT
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WE WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE receipt

of a very neat calendar, combined with toilet
case containing mirror and comb, a souvenir
of the Holiday Season from Mr. G. Girault.LI YAU was detected yesterday in the act of
pilfering, on board the Japanese s.s. *Maid-
suzu Maru*, and to evade arrest, jumped over-
board, injuring himself badly. He was rescued
and taken to the Hospital where his injuries
received attention.THE R. E. N. C. O's are giving a children's
Christmas party to-morrow, and as fathers are
invited too, both parents and children are
bound to have a good time. The R. E's know
how to work these functions and can entertain
the small folk as easily as they build a pontoon
bridge.AN ACCIDENT AT KOWLOON DOCKS
occurred yesterday, by which Chung Fat Yau
lost his life. To the west of the Dock the hill
is being cut down, the earth being used in
reclaiming land in the neighbourhood. A
landslide occurred killing one man and injuring
one other quite badly.CODLINS THE FRIEND.—A Tientsin
telegram to the *Tiji* says:—The Russian
Minister to Peking has forwarded a note to Prince
Ching regarding the movements of Great
Britain, Japan and Germany and advised him
not to allow the foreign powers to interfere
with domestic affairs in China.THE KOWLOON MARKET SITE, near the
Tsim-ta-tsu Police Station is being rapidly
levelled. There can be no possible doubt that
the Market will be a boon to Kowloon re-
sidents, but it is to be hoped that the pestilential
Godown latrine, which taints the whole
neighbourhood, will be done away with before
it is opened.CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.—The various
stores dealing in Christmas goods have been
doing a roaring trade all the past week, and to-
day they have been working "double time."
Toys, shops, bookshops, cakeshops, wineshops
and all other varieties of shops have been filled
by a constantly changing stream of purchasers,
until one wonders if the day's spendings will
not occasion a run on the local Banks."THE YELLOW DRAGON."—We have
received the Queen's College magazine, "The
Yellow Dragon." Needless to say, it does not
as its name might be taken to imply, adopt the
"Yellow" form of journalism, but devotes itself
to school news and interesting matter. The
editorial this month deals with the festive
season and puts forth some excellent moral
precepts. We wish the staff of our contem-
porary a Merry Christmas.CRICKET.—On Christmas Day and Boxing
Day a match between the United Services and
played on the Club Ground. The following
will play for the Civilians:—R. Hancock, P. A.
Cox, J. A. Woodgate, A. G. Ward, A. Mac-
kenzie, J. Hooper, J. E. Lee, W. E. Dixon,
W. H. Howard, H. Arthur, T. Sercombe Smith
(Capt.) There will be tiffin in the Cricket Club
Pavilion at 12.30 p.m. on Christmas Day and
the match will start at 1.30 p.m. and will be
continued the following day at 11 a.m.QUEEN'S ROAD, at the time of writing, looks
well as far as the roadway is concerned and is
good travelling; but do not let anyone delude
himself with appearances. The whole com-
position is a delusion and a snare, because the
present thin, smooth veneer of mud, tempo-
rally hardened by the sun, will wear away as
quickly as shoddy chafing gear. If we have a
spell of wet, the pet dogs of the P. W. D. will
come to view and, if a week's fine warm
weather, the choice muddy bits will stick up a
foot, more or less, and another supply of mud
will be wanted. Is this state of things to last?

CHRISTMAS DAY IN THE ARMY

BY THE SENIOR SUB.

(Specially Written for the "Hongkong
Telegraph").The man who follows the drum must expect
to see Christmas Day dawning in many latitudes
in his service, and will celebrate the festival
amid novel and varied scenes. On the 25th
December when *revillat* rings out, wherever
England's bugles are blown, from the snows of
Canada to the dried-up veldt of South Africa,
among the tropical splendours of Burma, or on
the barren Peak of Hongkong, four staunch
friends, Thomas Atkins, wakes to a chorus of
"Merry Christmas, chum!" The stay-at-home
Britisher, stolid in his insular ignorance, thinks
of this annual feast as only in keeping with
whitened roofs and snow-clad trees. Little he
fathoms the millions of his fellows who are
holding high revel under a glaring sun and a
brassy sky, where holly and mistletoe are
unknown and ice seen only in cooling drinks.The cherub that guides the innocent subal-
tern's faltering footsteps decreed that my first
Christmas in the Army should be passed at
Aldershot. A malign fate had ordained that
my turn of duty as orderly officer should fall
on that day, and sarcastically bade me be merry
in an almost deserted Mess, while my comrades
enjoyed themselves by hospitable hearths. In
the morning, in the bitter mockery of scarlet and
gold, I marched the men through deep snow to
Church. The sacred building was usually
warmed by large stoves, which on this bleak day
had not been lit; and so we sat and shivered in
anything but a pious mood. (The padre, a well-
known member of the Church Militant, felt
called upon to apologise for this neglect, and
prefaced his sermon with a few penitent words.
"Before I begin my discourse," he said, "I
must ask the forgiveness of my congregation
for the state of the Church this morning. I
really is not my fault, as I ordered my servant
before service to light the stoves. But unlike the
story of the centurion in the Scriptures who, we
are told, said to his servant, 'Do!' and he did;I said to my servant, 'Do!' and he didn't!"
His jest called a faint smile to our faces and we
listened to the sermon that followed in a less
unbending frame of mind. Back to barracks
with aching fingers and numb feet we
marched; and the men rushed to add a few
finishing touches to the decorations of their
rooms, or to crowd round the fires and laugh
over the padre's joke in a more appreciative
mood.At one o'clock, the great annual ceremony of
the British Army took place. The Christmas
Dinner! The Colonel and the few officers
present proceeded in state to visit the barrack-
rooms of the various companies and wish all a
Merry Christmas. In each mess the men stood
by their tables piled with good things; and the
senior non-commissioned officer gravely uttered
the sacred formula to the Commanding Officer.
"Will you have a glass of sherry-wine to drink
our healths, Sir?" And with the solemnity
befitting the occasion the wine was poured
out and handed to the Colonel, who raised his
glass and said to the men "Your healths, my
lads, and I wish you all a Merry Christmas."
"Thank you, Sir. The same to you, Sir," came
the hearty response. And then the other
officers did the like. It was no empty ceremony.
At that moment the deep feeling of comradeship
that unites all ranks of the British Army
stirred our hearts; and as we looked on the
faces of the men we hoped to lead in battle, we
knew indeed we were "brothers in arms."Next we proceeded to admire the decorations
of the room. Clever, indeed, were most of
them. The regimental crest and motto figured
usually over the fire place, flanked by large in-
scriptions of good wishes to the company officers.
Festoons of holly and evergreens hung
gracefully on the walls, which were barely dis-
cernible under the wealth of ornament that
covered them.From room to room we passed in turn. In
each the same ceremony was gone through.
And after visiting eight companies, the Band,
and the Drums and drinking the inevitable
glass to the health of each mess, we felt glad
that such a trying ordeal came but once a year.For me the rest of the day dragged wearily
in interviewing my companions in misfortune,
the guards and the sentries. The latter, hold-
ing their rifles in numbed fingers, repeated
their orders in a mechanical way that showed
that their thoughts were with their luckier
comrades revelling round the barrack-room
fire.At Mess that night three senior captains and
I sat down to a dreary mockery of a Christmas
feast. As Vice-president I sat at one end of
a long table in icy isolation, and cursed the
fate that had kept me from accepting some of
the cheery invitations to spend the day in
merrier fashion. From the barracks the sound
of music and song, told that dullness held no
place there. And the hearts of our men were
moved to pity as they thought of their luckless
officers in their cheerless Mess. And so, as
after dinner we sat in the Ante-room and tried
to find an interest in the newspapers, a joyous
burst of song beneath the windows startled us.We looked out. Below in the snow stood a
swaying mass of soldiers, the band-sergeant in
front vainly endeavouring to keep them in
some vague semblance of time and tune as
they bellowed but "When good king Wences-
laus." The beginning went without serious
mishap. But when the second verse was
reached it appeared that only a certain num-
ber knew more than the first, so they went
on with the whole carol, while the majority
sang the first verse over and over again,
punctuating it with cheers for every officer in
the corps, or occasionally stopping to attempt a
small fight. The musical members of the
crowd drifted away in disgust; while the others
remained, still hammering away at that wretched
first verse; until our senior captain, the
terror of the regiment, lost all patience and,
charging out upon them, put them to flight.
And we heard the hiccupped strains of "Good
King W" dying away in the distance amidst a
chorus of cat-calls and cheerful yells. And so
ended my first, and dreariest Christmas Day
in the Army. When Yule-tide came round
again, the regiment celebrated it in South-
ern India. For snow and ice we had glaring
sunshine; and the sentry, sweltering in the
shade of the guard-room verandah, wondered
had he ever known what it was to feel cold.
In white clothing we marched to church and
sat under punkas, thinking of the bygone
day when we longed for stoves. But when the
merry strains of "The Roast Beef of Old Eng-
land" rang out, off trooped the Colonel and
every officer of the regiment to go the
round again of Christmas Dinners. As the
door of the first barrack-room was thrown open,
we started back in surprise. Inside was a
snow-covered sentry-box, with a tiny robin
perched on the roof. In front stood sentry and
guard ankle-deep in snow. Their helmets and
great-coats were covered with snow-flakes.
The little bugler, muffled to the eyes, blew a
salute as we paused in surprise at the door to
the huge delight of the men of the room. The
whole effect was wonderfully realistic; though
a second glance showed that a liberal use of
cotton-wool was the magic agency that for a
second had transported us back to a colder
clime.And so in every land where England's banner
waves, Tommy's prince of good fellows, set
himself cheerily to the task of worthily celebrat-
ing the British great feast. And never in all the
world's history was there a merrier festival
than a Christmas Day in the Army.

SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held
yesterday afternoon in the Board Room, Pres-
ent:—(Dr. J. M. Atkinson), Principal Civil
Medical Officer (President), Hon. A. W.
Brewin, Registrar-General (Vice-President),
Dr. F. W. Clark (Medical Officer of Health).MRS. R. COTTAM & CO. for PATENT
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LEATHER DRESS

Mr. F. J. Bodeley (Acting Captain; Superintendent of Police), Lieut. Col. Hughes, R. A. M. C. Mr. E. Osborne, Mr. Fung Wa Chun, Mr. Lau Ghu Pak and Mr. G. A. Woodcock (Secretary).

MINUTES.
The minutes of the previous meeting of the Board were confirmed.

AMENDMENT OF DRAINAGE BY-LAW.
The first item in the orders of the day was an amendment of Drainage By-law, No. 30. Mr. Osborne—I beg to move, sir, that this amendment be referred to the leading architects in the Colony for their consideration and opinions. I think it would be as well if all alteration of the laws connected with the drainage of private premises were referred to them before being finally passed by this Board. It would save a great deal of trouble, perhaps, in the end.

Dr. Clark seconded, and the motion was carried.

QUARTERLY INSPECTION COMMITTEE'S REPORT.
The fourth report of the Quarterly Inspection Committee was laid on the table.

A QUESTION OF CONSTRUCTION.
Correspondence relative to the height of the floors at No. 21, East Street was laid on the table. This matter was before Board at its meeting on the 12th inst., and on the motion of the President was referred to the next meeting of members.

Mr. Fung Wa Chun asked if the Secretary might be allowed to read his (Mr. Fung Wa Chun's) minute on the draft report.

The Secretary then read the draft minute showing that the writer agreed with the proposals with the exception of the ceiling, which should be allowed to stand.

The President said he thought they did not intend to recommend that the ceiling be taken down; but simply pointed out it was not advisable in bakeries there should be ceilings as they would only house rats.

Mr. Osborne said he thought that in connection with the report they merely expressed an opinion that it was desirable the ceilings should not be allowed, but he considered they might embody something in the form of a by-law.

Mr. Brewin remarked that as the floors in question were only three inches below the statutory height they should be allowed to remain.

Mr. Osborne—I think, sir, to agree with Mr. Brewin and grant this request, we shall be handing ourselves into a great deal of trouble in the future. The maximum or the minimum height, rather, has been set, and everyone knows it.

Mr. Brewin—It has been altered lately.

Mr. Osborne—If we are prepared to grant exemption in this case simply because there is a difference of three inches only, I don't see why the same argument should not apply to four inches or five inches, or even six inches. In fact, I don't see where you are going to apply the limit, and as far as I am concerned I shall certainly vote against the request.

The President—I think it would be advisable to find out if the place is occupied.

Mr. Fung Wa Chun—I think this is only a conditional concession. The house, as the Vice-President has informed the Board, is only to be used as a godown—not as an ordinary tenement house.

Mr. Brewin—As a place of business.

After a pause, Mr. Brewin said—I beg to move that the motion I made at last meeting be adopted—"That the owner of this house be informed that the mezzanine floor on the top story of No. 21, East Street be reduced to one half the floor area, and that otherwise the floors be permitted to remain as they are, so long as the house is occupied as a godown and the first floor used simply as a godown."

Mr. Fung Wa Chun—I beg to second that.

Regarding the absence of a backyard to the premises, Mr. Brewin next moved. "That the house be exempted from the necessity of providing a backyard."

This motion was seconded by Mr. Lau Chu Pak and also carried.

THE DEATH RATE.
The mortality statistics showed that during the week ended 14th inst., the death rate throughout the Colony was 23.6 per 1,000 of the population per annum, as against 30.6 in the previous week and 23.2 in the corresponding week of the preceding year.

Dr. Clark submitted the limewashing return for the fortnight ended 14th December, which showed that in the Western district there had been 2,171 houses cleaned during that period.

RATCATCHERS FOR KOWLOON.
The Board next considered a recommendation by Dr. Clark that the authority of the Government should be obtained for the employment of fifteen ratcatchers for Kowloon.

On the motion of the President seconded by Mr. Osborne, the recommendation was adopted by the Board.

RATS IN DWELLING HOUSES.
Dr. Clark further recommended that the Board obtain authority to insert advertisements in the local (English) Press inviting householders whose premises are infested with rats to communicate with the Medical Officer of Health, who would send ratcatchers to the house and endeavour to rid it of them.

Mr. Osborne moved that the recommendation be forwarded to the Government.

The President seconded, and the motion was carried.

WORK OF THE CLEANING GANG.
During the fortnight ended 21st December, the cleaning gang have dealt with 973 houses, as compared with 691 during the previous fortnight. The number of floors fumigated was 2,007, and the number of floors cleaned 2,259. Taking the twelve working days, this represents an average of almost 27 floors per gang per day, as compared with 20 floors during the previous fortnight, and shows that, now that the work is in full swing, it can be accomplished more expeditiously.

This was all the public business.

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CITY HALL MEETING.

At 4 o'clock p.m. yesterday, the annual meeting of shareholders in and subscribers to the City Hall was held in the Ante-room, the Chairman of Committee, Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving presiding.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, submitted a report, the substance of which is as follows: The Hon. J. J. Keswick resigned his post of Chairman, on leaving for home in May last, and the Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving filled the vacancy. In repairs and alterations the sum of \$703.44 was spent upon the City Hall building, during the year ending 30th June last.

The number of performances in the Theatre exceeded all previous records, the audiences drawn by the various entertainments being much in excess of average seasons, and had it not been for death of our lamented Queen, which for a time checked the gaiety of the season, the receipts would have been far above the average. The expenditure on repairs was not heavy. As to the Library, it continued to be increasingly appreciated and the experiment of keeping it open in the evening might be said to be quite a success: The Free Lending Collection attracted a number of readers, but a better supply of books is urgently needed.

Sixty-two is at present the number of borrowers, and the Collection now includes 532 books. The number of visitors to the Library during the 12 months was 19,050 non-Chinese and 6,697 Chinese—more than double last year's numbers. Regarding the Museum, several interesting specimens have been added, including gifts from His Excellency Sir H. A. Blake, G.C.M.G., Capt. F. Wall, Messrs. E. S. Pereira, W. Goldenberg, Lee Lin Shang, C. H. Gale, A. P. Samy, H. P. Tooker, R. C. Edwards, J. M. de Jesus and Basil Taylor. It is much to be regretted that lack of space and funds and of scientific supervision prevent the development of the Museum, while the ravages of the climate render it difficult to keep the specimens in good condition. The Museum is, however, much appreciated by visitors to the Colony, both Chinese and non-Chinese, the number of visitors during the 12 months under review being non-Chinese 9,947 and Chinese 206,172. The balance in the hands of the Hon. Treasurer, when the accounts up to 30th June, 1901, were closed, was \$5,019.98, showing a gain on the year's working of \$2,291.45. Most of the balance carried forward has since been expended on repairs and improvements. The reserve fund on fixed deposit with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank is \$13,542.55, upon which interest amounting to \$541.70 had accrued up to 24th June, 1901.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen,—The report, which goes fully into the details of administration during the past year, I propose to consider as read. From a financial point of view the year was fairly satisfactory, although the general mourning consequent upon the lamented death of our late gracious Queen considerably interfered with the gaiety of the season. The substantial balance carried forward has since been availed of for the purpose of repairing and redecorating the whole of the interior of the building, and for introducing electric light into the halls, staircases, and smaller rooms, so that the whole of the Ball Room Suite is now lit with one uniform illuminant. Electric plant for lighting the stage has been ordered and will shortly be fixed and, it is expected, will greatly add to the comfort of both performers and audience. At the height of the plague season in June last a case unfortunately occurred in the basement of the City Hall, and the whole building was closed for a month, during which period it was thoroughly fumigated and cleaned. Since then a large portion of the basement has been concreted and all living rooms lime-washed. The increase of the population of the Colony showed itself in the crowded house drawn by the Lilliputians, the Dallas, and Brough companies, when the accommodation of the Theatre was taxed to the utmost extent.

The Committee has sustained a great loss in the retirement of the Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C., who took a great interest in the Library and was the originator of the scheme for opening it in the evenings, and who founded the Free Lending Collection which is housed in the Library and also is the only collection of books in Hongkong available free to every person, the only condition being the obtaining of a guarantee from a resident householder. That these arrangements are appreciated is shown by the fact that over 25,000 persons made use of the Library during the 12 months under review, and the current year promises a large increase on those numbers. Regular contributions of newspapers and periodicals to the Library, and gifts of standard books to the Free Lending Collection are urgently needed and will be gratefully received by the Secretary. Mr. Pollock generously made a donation of \$300 in aid of the Library on his departure, and I may say that similar donations will always be very welcome. The Museum suffers from lack of space and absence of scientific supervision, but the fact that it attracts over 110,000 visitors a year shows the need for such an institution. Gifts of specimens of all sorts are solicited by the Committee. A great improvement in the lighting of the Museum has been effected by the glazing of the doors on the South side, which were formerly of solid wood. I desire to express on behalf of the members of the Committee their appreciation of the active interest taken in this Institution by our Secretary and Librarian, Mr. Bowley, whose exertions have contributed much to the present satisfactory position. The Committee do not for the present aim at making a profit out of the City Hall, the shareholders of which have never received a dividend; their object is to administer the trust reposed in them for the interests of the Colony at large and for the benefit of the community generally, and they hope that the report and accounts now laid before the meeting will be accepted in that spirit. (Applause.) I beg to move the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. B. Layton, the Hon. Treasurer, seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

No more business of a public nature was transacted.

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MARINE COURT.

ALLEGED DISOBEDIENCE AND MISCONDUCT.

A Marine Court assembled at the Harbour Office at half past ten this morning for the purpose of enquiring into certain charges of misconduct against the mate of the British brig *Vale of Doon*. The members of the Court were Commander R. Murray Rumsey, R.N. (Stipendiary Magistrate, and Harbour Master), Lieut. Payne Galloway, R.N. (H.M.S. *Goliath*), Messrs. William E. G. Craven (master of the British steamship *Indravelli*) and R. F. Denmore, (master of the British barque *Ostberg*). The charges of disobedience to orders and gross misconduct were brought by John Charles Christian Petersen, master of the *Vale of Doon* of Hongkong, and alleged against Harry Gordon Harbord, mate of the same vessel.

The letter of Mr. Petersen applying for an inquiry, and the warrant constituting the Court were both read.

Mr. Morgan, Phillips, barrister, appeared on behalf of the master of the *Vale of Doon* and Mr. Goldring (of Messrs. Deacon and Hastings) for the mate.

In opening the case Mr. Phillips explained that he had only been instructed in the matter during the last hour, but would endeavour to place the facts plainly before the court. As they were aware, the master of the British ship *Vale of Doon* charged the mate with disobedience to orders and misconduct on a voyage of the ship from Hongkong to Borneo. The ship was owned by a Mr. Bruce, of Amoy, and had been brought some 44 years ago by Capt. Petersen, as the master, from England, and sailed upon this coast. He had been her master during the whole of that time, had been with the same owner for a period of eleven years, and had sailed on the China coast for fourteen years. During that time he had conducted himself with propriety and satisfaction, and there had never been any complaint against him. The *Vale of Doon* left Hongkong on or about the 17th September last bound on a voyage to Borneo, with the mate, who had been shipped in Hongkong for a period of twelve months. In addition, there was a crew of 13. Trouble seemed to have arisen immediately. For on the 19th September he was requested to take a sight for the Captain and flatly refused to do so. That was one act of disobedience to orders of which the master complained, and was certainly not an unimportant one. On two other occasions the mate refused to take a sight or to take the time for a sight. So that there were three different acts of disobedience, in addition to that the master complained of general misconduct during the voyage of the voyage. Details would be given to the Court by witnesses, who would be able to show that the mate was continually speaking in the most disrespectful and violent way to them of the master and what he was going to do with him. Upon more than one occasion it appeared he threatened the master and once put his fist in the captain's face and called him "a son of a—". Counsel produced a letter written by the mate to the master while on the voyage, and setting forth in plain emphatic language various grievances he alleged he had against him. Having quoted extracts from the letter, Mr. Phillips said it seemed a man who wrote such stuff as he had read could hardly be in his right senses; certainly not a man who would be in his right position as mate of a ship.

Evidence was then called, the first witness being the master of the *Vale of Doon*, who spoke to several cases of disobedience on the part of the mate. He stated that he left port on the 17th September, in ballast for Borneo, and on the 19th September there were some words between them. At 8 a.m. witness told the mate to take a sight and he did so, but when asked to take the time for his own sight he refused. On the 6th of the next month he again refused to take a sight and made use of objectionable remarks about the witness's wife, while on the 14th November he again disobeyed orders. On November 23rd he did not want to give work to the crew or set sails or take them in while on watch and, at four o'clock in the morning of the 22nd November, when the mate relieved witness, he made use of threatening language and became very abusive, and endeavoured to provoke the witness. He mentioned several instances of specific misconduct, and stated that generally speaking the mate's conduct on the voyage had relaxed the discipline for he made chums with the crew, and talked with them a great deal. If the sailors had behaved to the mate, in the same way the mate behaved to the master it might have caused mutiny.

In cross-examination, by Mr. Goldring, witness said he had had six mates under him before having the last one, but it was not his rule to get them to sign on for a year, they generally signed for six months. On the last voyage he received complaints about the quality of the water and food. He knew that the sextant was damaged but the mate did not give that as a reason why he would not comply with his request in regard to taking sights: on one occasion there was a row between the crew and the mate. It was blowing very hard at the time and upon going on deck in answer to a cry of "Captain, Captain" he saw the mate and one of the crew with their hands in their pockets. Other members of the crew were looking on. Both the men were slightly wounded, and the carpenter was bleeding from one of his eyes. The mate quarrelled with him about his (the master's) wife being on board, and alleged that she was always talking to the crew and the cook; the fact of his wife being on board did not interfere with the mate's duties at all.

Further evidence was then heard.

Ah Poo, cook, testified that he heard the mate telling the sailors that the Captain was bad, and that he would kill some one as he had killed others before. Ah Tai, seaman, said that he heard the mate call the Captain a vile name. Cross-examination revealed the fact that he had heard the mate use this name and offer to kill the Captain.

This closed the case for the prosecution.

Mr. Goldring addressed the Court and said that entries in official logs are exaggerated, also compared the evidence of Ah Tai and the mate as to the assault. He called attention to the fact that the log had never been read over, as required by law, and that it was worthless.

He did not call any witness, and the case was closed.

The finding of the Court was as follows: "That the mate of the British Barque, *Vale of Doon*, Harry Gordon Harbord, has been guilty of gross misconduct on board the said ship and we therefore suspend his certificate for a period of six months from this date.

The Court recommends that if he desires, he be granted a second mate's certificate during such suspension.

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Hongkong, 21st December, 1901. [13976]

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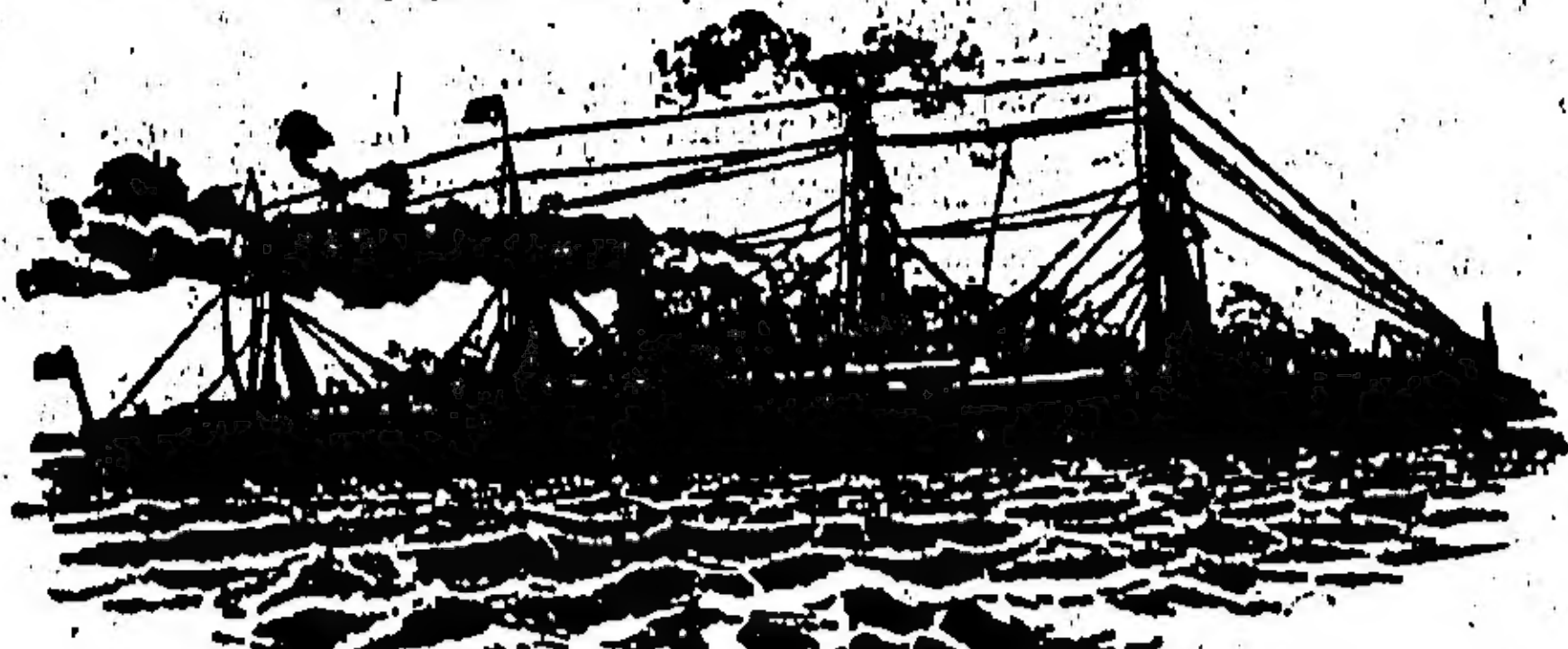
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"PERU"	SATURDAY, 25th January, at Noon.
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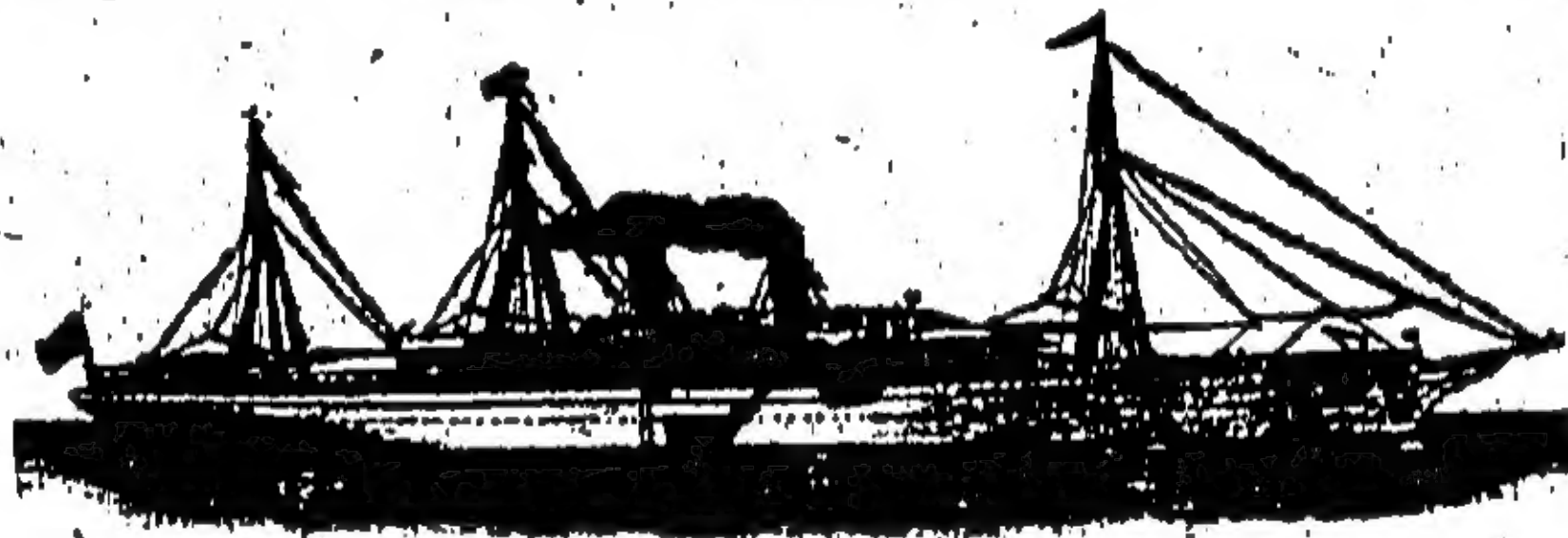
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EMPEROR OF INDIA	Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R.	WEDNESDAY, 12th February.
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Ammon	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG)		
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Schmidt	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG)		
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OWING to the insufficiency of accommodation in the present building and the increasing demand for admission, it has been found necessary to extend the wings of the main building and to enlarge the Chinese department by an additional storey with two wings. The estimated cost will amount to over \$15,000. To cover these expenses we appeal to the liberality of all friends of Education. The establishment has been in existence for the last 25 years and is open to all classes. Much of the classical work of the city is carried on by its past pupils. As this is the first time we have applied for assistance we expect a generous response. The names of our most liberal Benefactors will be inscribed upon marble tablets, as a lasting testimony of their generosity.

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Hongkong, 13th December, 1901. [1355c]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

I BEG to inform my Patrons and Public Generally that I have REMOVED my Stores from No. 13 to No. 5, D'AGUIAR STREET.

H. RUTTONJEE,

5, D'Aguiar Street.

Hongkong, 27th April, 1902. [14]

RETIREMENT OF MR. J. MOSSOP.

We regret to announce the passing of another efficient officer from the P. W. D. to "fresh fields and pastures new" where his services will be recognised in a solid manner, and let us hope he will be free from those pinpricks of daily life under which, we imagine, he has been suffering. Mr. Mossop joined the P. W. D. as a qualified Architect and Civil Engineer about 15 months ago and now resigns to take up a more lucrative position in Shanghai, in the service of the Land Investment Company. Since Mr. Mossop has been a resident in Hongkong he has taken the liveliest interest in the Volunteer movement. He obtained his commission in the old country and on his arrival was appointed Lieutenant to the Field Battery. Many friends will regret the departure of this gentleman and, while the community will lose a good fellow, the P. W. D. will feel the loss of a competent officer.

AT THE MAGISTRACY.

December 24th.

EXCEEDED HIS LIMIT.

"Always room for one more" may be all right in the case of an omnibus, but when it comes to steam launches the water Police have ideas of their own on the subject. The Master of the steam launch *Yee Sum* thought that "the more the merrier," and on a recent trip crowded 30 passengers on his launch, which was in excess of the number allowed by his licence. He can take his choice between a fine of \$15 or a sojourn of one month in gaol.

IMPROVING THE BAR SERVICE.

Private Jerald Griffin, Royal Engineers, being dissatisfied with the service accorded him, attempted to teach a barboy his duties by assaulting him. He parted with \$3, in the shape of a fine, for this privilege. After carefully calculating the cost of this drink (fine added) Mr. Griffin will no doubt arrive at the conclusion that patience is a virtue, and assaulting bar-boys a luxury.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council will be held on Friday, 27th December, at 3 p.m.

BUSINESS.

1. Financial Minutes (Nos. 71 and 73.)
2. Report of the Finance Committee (No. 15.)

3. Motion as to Ordinance No. 40 of 1899.—Whereas by section 5 of The Summoning of Chinese Ordinance, 1899 (No. 40 of 1899), it was enacted that the said Ordinance should only continue in operation for the period of two years from the coming into operation of the said Ordinance and for such further period or periods as might from time to time be determined by Resolution of the Legislative Council:

It is hereby resolved by this Council that The Summoning of Chinese Ordinance, 1899, shall be continued in operation for the further period of three months from the 30th day of December, 1901 (inclusive).

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Second reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend The Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance, 1896."

Third reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to further amend The Chinese Emigration Consolidation Ordinance, 1889."

M.S.—A meeting of the Finance Committee will be held immediately after the Council.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB RACE MEETING, 1902.

The following is the programme for the coming race meeting:—

FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY. THE WONG-NEI-CHONG STAKES; a sweepstakes of \$5 each with \$300 added; second to receive \$100 from the stakes; open to all Hongkong subscription "water" griffins of this season, 1901-1902; weight for inches as per scale. Half-a-mile.

THE VALLEY STAKES; a sweepstakes of \$10 each with \$300 added; second to receive \$100; open to all Hongkong and Shanghai subscription wagers; weight for inches as per bye-law No. 12. Hongkong subscription "water" griffins of this season, 1901-1902; weight for inches as per scale. Three quarters of a mile.

THE MAIDEN STAKES; winner to receive \$750; third \$50; open to all Hongkong subscription "water" griffins of this season, 1901-1902; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners at this meeting, 5 lbs. extra; entrance \$10. Three quarters of a mile.

THE "VICTORIA" STAKES; winner to receive \$500; second \$150; third \$50; open to all China ponies; weight for inches as per scale. *Bond fide* griffins on 1st February, 1902; and subscription griffins of Foochow 1901 and Amoy 1902 meetings allowed 7 lbs. extra; entrance \$10. One mile.

THE JOCKEY CUP; a sweepstakes of \$250 added; second to receive \$100; open to all Hongkong subscription water griffins of this season, 1901-1902; winners of previous races during the meeting barred to be ridden by jockeys who have not had a winning mount in Hongkong or China previous to this meeting; weight for inches as per scale. Once round.

THE PROFESSIONAL CUP; presented; second to receive the entrance fees; open to all Hongkong and Shanghai subscription wagers; weight for inches as per bye-law No. 12; Hongkong subscription water griffins of this season, 1901-1902; allowed 5 lbs.; previous winners at this meeting of one race 7 lbs. of two or more races 10 lbs. extra; previous non-starters at this meeting barred; entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

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THE HONGKONG-DEBUT; a Sweepstakes of \$20 each with \$1,500 added; (half forfeit if declared on or before day of closing entries); winner to receive 70 per cent; second 20 per cent; third 10 per cent; open to all Hongkong subscription water griffins of this season, 1901-1902; weight for inches as per scale; one mile and a half. (Nominations close to the Clerk of the Course at the Hongkong Club House on Saturday, the 4th day of January, 1902).

THE FOCHOW CUP; a sweepstakes of \$10 each with \$350 added; second to receive \$100; open to all Hongkong and Shanghai subscription wagers; weight for inches as per bye-law No. 12; previous winners at this meeting 7 lbs. extra; Hongkong subscription water griffins of this season, 1901-1902, allowed 7 lbs.; from the two mile post once round and in.

THE HONGKONG CLUB CUP; presented; second to receive the entrance fees; open to all China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners at this meeting, 5 lbs. extra; *bond fide* griffins on 1st February, 1902; and subscription griffins of Foochow 1901 and Amoy 1902 meetings, allowed 5 lbs.; entrance \$15. One mile and a half.

THE LUSITANO CUP; presented by the members of the Club Lusitano; second to receive the entrance fees; open to all subscription water griffins of this season, 1901-1902; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners to carry 7 lbs.; extra for each race; entrance \$10; One mile.

THE CHINESE CLUB CUP; presented; second to receive the entrance fees; for China ponies; *bond fide* griffins on 1st February, 1902; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners 5 lbs. extra; entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

THE ENCOURAGEMENT STAKES; a sweepstakes of \$5 each with \$300 added; winner to receive 70 per cent; second 20 per cent; third 10 per cent; open to all Hongkong subscription water griffins of this season, 1901-1902, measuring under 14 hands 1 inch in height, as per registered measurement; previous winners barred. Five furlongs.

SECOND DAY—THURSDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY.

THE FLYAWAY STAKES; a sweepstakes of \$10 each with \$750 added; winner to receive 70 per cent; second 20 per cent; third 10 per cent; open to all Hongkong subscription water griffins; weight for inches as per bye-law No. 12; previous winners of one race at this meeting 6 lbs. extra; of two or more such races to lbs. extra; subscription wagers of 1900-1901 to carry 12 lbs. extra. Three quarters of a mile.

THE GREAT SOUTHERN STAKES; winner to receive \$500; second \$100; third \$50; open to all China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners at this meeting 5 lbs. extra; *bond fide* griffins on 1st February, 1902; and subscription griffins of Foochow 1901 and Amoy 1902 meetings allowed 7 lbs.; entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

THE GARRISON CUP; presented by the officers of the garrison; second to receive the entrance fees; open to all Hongkong subscription water griffins of this season, 1901-1902; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners to carry 7 lbs. extra for each race; entrance \$10. One mile.

THE GERMAN CUP; presented by the members of the German club; second to receive 70 per cent of the entrance fees; third 30 per cent; open to all Hongkong subscription water griffins of this season, 1901-1902; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners to carry 7 lbs. extra for each race; previous non-starters to carry 7 lbs. extra; entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

THE TAI YEUK FONG CUP; presented; second to receive the entrance fees. Third \$25. For China ponies *Bond fide* griffins on 1st February, 1902. Previous winners to carry 7 lbs. extra for each race. Unplaced ponies allowed 3 lbs. extra; entrance \$5. Once Round.

THE NAVY CUP.—Presented by Officers of His Majesty's Fleet. Second to receive 70 per cent of the entrance fees; Third 30 per cent. Open to all Hongkong subscription water griffins of this season, 1901-1902. Weight for inches as per scale. Previous winners to carry 10 lbs. extra for each race. Previous non-starters to carry 12 stone or top weight if over. Entrance \$10. From the two mile post once round and in.

THE EXCHANGE PLATE; value \$500; presented by the bankers and exchange brokers of Hongkong; second to receive 70 per cent of the entrance fees; third 30 per cent. open to all China ponies; previous winners at this meeting of one race 7 lbs. of two races 12 lbs. extra; previous non-starters to carry 12 stone; *bond fide* griffins on 1st February, 1902, and subscription griffins of Foochow 1901 and Amoy 1902 meetings allowed 7 lbs.; entrance \$10. From the two mile post once round and in.

THE JOCKEY CUP; a sweepstakes of \$250 added; second to receive \$100; open to all Hongkong subscription water griffins of this season, 1901-1902; winners of previous races during the meeting barred to be ridden by jockeys who have not had a winning mount in Hongkong or China previous to this meeting; weight for inches as per scale. Once round.

THE PROFESSIONAL CUP; presented; second to receive the entrance fees; open to all Hongkong and Shanghai subscription wagers; weight for inches as per bye-law No. 12; Hongkong subscription water griffins of this season, 1901-1902; allowed 5 lbs.; previous winners at this meeting of one race 7 lbs. of two or more races 10 lbs. extra; previous non-starters at this meeting barred; entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

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THE GYMKHANA STAKES; value \$300; presented by the Gymkhana Committee, added to a sweepstakes of \$5 each; winner to receive 70 per cent; third 10 per cent; open to all Hongkong subscription water griffins of this season, 1901-1902, measuring under 14 hands 1 inch in height, as per registered measurement; weight for inches as per scale; runners previously unplaced allowed 5 lbs.; previous winners barred. One mile.

THIRD DAY—FRIDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY. THE GRAND STAND STAKES; value \$400; second to receive \$100; third \$50; for China ponies *bond fide* griffins on 1st February, 1902; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners of one race 5 lbs. of two races 7 lbs. of three races 10 lbs. extra; previous non-starters at this meeting barred; entrance \$10; One mile and a quarter.

THE WALKER HANDICAP; winner to receive \$1,000; second \$250; third \$100; open to all Hongkong and Shanghai Subscription Wagers; entrance \$10. One mile and-a-half. The CHALLENGE CUP; presented by the Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving; for China ponies; to be won two years consecutively by a pony or ponies the *bond fide* property of the same owner; winner to receive 70 per cent; second 20 per cent; third 10 per cent of the entrance fees; weight for inches as per scale; entrance (forced) \$5. One mile and three-quarters.

THE LADIES' PURSE; presented; open to all Hongkong subscription water griffins of this season, 1901-1902; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners to carry 7 lbs. extra for each race; unplaced runners allowed 7 lbs. previous non-starters barred; entrance \$5. Three quarters of a mile.

THE "BLAKE" CHALLENGE CUP; presented by His Excellency Sir Henry A. Blake, G.C.M.G. For Subscription Water Griffins of this season, 1901-1902; to be won twice by subscription griffins the *bond fide* property of the same owner or owners; winner to receive 70 per cent of the entrance fees; second 20 per cent; third 10 per cent, weight for inches as per scale; winner of the Maidens, Derby and/or German Cup 9 lbs. extra for each such race, winners of any other races 5 lbs. extra for each race, Wagers that have not been previously placed allowed 5 lbs. previous non-starters barred; entrance \$10. One Mile.

western part of the city, have petitioned the Viceroy to send a number of the students to Japan to study. The petition sets forth the advantages to be gained by such a course and points out the progress Japan has made in the last few years.

TIENSIN DAY BY DAY.

(From Our Own Correspondent).
THE WEATHER.

TIENSIN, December 8th.
The weather has changed again and turned springlike and delightful. I feel it incumbent on me to explain this frequent recurrence to weather, but weather is the basis of our existence up here, and the fact of this gentle change may mean thousands of dollars saved to our little community. If you notice, narratives of arctic exploration abound in "weather," and for the same reason—as every change of wind represents issues of vital importance—and so with us, a sudden variation to the north and sufficient vehemence might, in the course of twelve hours, imprison a dozen vessels at the Bar, defraud the London market of a dozen shipments for which arrangements may be already well advanced, deprive a storekeeper of all his Christmas stock and upset the calculations of housekeepers expecting their last parcels of stores from home.
There is at least one lady's winter outfit on the Bar now, someone else's furniture, and a third person's provisions; but if the weather remains like this for a week all may be safely landed. What wonder then that we watch winds and temperatures with a monotonous, self-concentrated, small-mindedness!

THE COURT.

Just as I anticipated, the Court has already discovered some good and sufficient reason for not starting on the 14th, in spite of the Edict of assurance recently issued. No particular reason is stated, but rumour has it that the Empress was by no means keen on the point and bid Prince Ching go back to Peking first, in the spirit of "some day I will see about it."

EDUCATION.

An Edict was issued on the 5th in regard to the education matter which follows up the previous one on the same subject:—"We have received memorials from the Government Bureau and Board of Rights in regard to the establishment of schools throughout the Empire. We consider the establishment of such schools as proposed—schools intended to encourage and stimulate students—will enable the best to be selected from among them for Government service. All the regulations suggested are approved. That those who pass their examinations in the primary schools pass into the intermediate schools, and the successful students there pass on to the colleges; and on receiving a certificate from the colleges let the best students be selected by the respective Viceroy and Governors and sent on to the Peking University. There they will receive diplomas of second degree rank and, on further examination, be admitted to third rank, and successful candidates at the subsequent Palace Examination will be entitled to hold office. All these regulations suggested by Yuan Shih Ki are most satisfactory."

THE MANCHURIAN CONVENTION.

According to a correspondent of the local *Seh-tse*, the Manchurian negotiations have been already concluded, the result being that Manchuria will be handed back by Russia in January next. This is too obviously absurd to be credibly discussed. The Russian Admiral is now in Peking talking over matters with the Russian Minister, and what has probably occurred is an agreement to let matters drop for the present—and meanwhile Russia takes firmer root in Manchurian soil.

A GOOD BAG.

The Germans went out for artillery practice in the country a few days ago, and the result was two Chinese and four mules—quick despatch!

AN INDICATION!

One of the many indications of the Court's determination to return to Peking at all costs, at any sacrifice, and in the face of all warnings, is the despatch from Peking of no less than one thousand pieces of lacquer furniture for the Court's use! Very like returning, certainly! When the unexpected has really happened, we are told the Empress Dowager will occupy the Ming Shao Palace, which is only as a rule occupied by monarchs in retirement. An inference drawn is that the Emperor is likely to be reinstated.

ICE.

A native junk laden with peanuts has been crushed by the ice in the Grand Canal already, and skating began last week.

THE AMOK.

December 9th.
After a long spell of international harmony the fiend of discord has again broken loose, and this time our native troops are responsible for the initiative. A sepoy sentry suddenly ran amok this afternoon, and without any particular rhyme or reason, as he is not known to have been drunk, he fired on and killed a comrade, later killing a second. He then appears to have gone towards the German quarters, for when a company of the 4th Punjab Infantry, hastily summoned to capture him, reached the scene, they found him shot dead near a German tent. The Germans, not waiting to see what the Punjabis intended to do, opened fire on them, a complaint which the Pathans promptly returned, and a general fight ensued, the native regiment eventually retiring, as they were being outnumbered. The total loss was three Germans shot dead and one, an officer, mortally wounded; three Punjabis killed, a native officer and several men wounded, but all are likely to recover, I think, though one has a nasty bayonet wound in the throat. A messenger riding in hot haste, a sergeant, to the scene, with messages from headquarters.

GIRAULT: BRILLIANT VARIETY OF BEST CONFECTIONERY from Paris, London, Boston, New York, &c.

was fired on by a party of Germans, whose officer he had just respectfully saluted; but luckily German shooting is not at its high-water mark just now, and none of some ten shots reached him. The Germans have been strictly confined to barracks until further orders, as they have a free run of all settlements, whereas their quarter is out of bounds for our men.

It is to be feared however, that a very bad feeling will result from this and it would not be surprising if further trouble ensued. The German officer, being shot through the stomach, is not expected to live.

[From the official report of the affair, which we published yesterday, it will be seen that the German and British commanders are entirely at one on the subject, so there is not likely to be any further trouble. Ed. H.K.T.]

HOCKEY.

The ladies have started hockey to-day, for the first time in Tientsin, and before the season is over we may expect a very fair team.

PASSENGERS BOOKED FOR THE FAR EAST.

Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Laos*, from Marseilles, Dec. 15.—To Shanghai: Mr. Yang Si Tchong, Mr. Che Tseng.

Per P. and O. steamer *China*, connecting with the steamer *Parramatta*, at Colombo, from London, Dec. 13.—To Shanghai: Mr. and Mrs. J. Lorie. From Marseilles, Dec. 10.—To Hongkong: Mr. Houston.

Per P. and O. steamer *Bombay*, from London, Dec. 14.—To Yokohama: Mr. and Miss Maw.

Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Calcedonia*, connecting with the steamer *Tonkin*, at Colombo, from Marseilles, Nov. 24.—To Yokohama: Mr. and Mrs. Nakai.

Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Tonkin*, from Marseilles, Dec. 1.—To Yokohama: Mr. and Mrs. Stein.

Per P. and O. steamer *Shanghai*, from London, Nov. 16.—To Yokohama: Mr. J. M. Maitland. To Shanghai: Mr. and Mrs. Clutterbuck, Mrs. Williamson. To Hongkong: Mr. W. Dixon, Master K. Dixon, Mr. H. W. Merrill, Miss Dixon. To Manila: Messrs. A. Turner, and G. F. Sinclair.

Per P. and O. steamer *Himalaya*, connecting with the steamer *Coromandel*, at Colombo, from London, Nov. 29.—To Yokohama: Miss and Miss McIsaac. To Shanghai: Mr. and Mrs. W. McAustan, Mr. R. D. Ballantine, Mr. de Breton Gielma, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lowe. To Hongkong: Mr. and Mrs. L. Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Williams, Miss Williams, Mr. F. R. Fleming, Mrs. Arnold and child, Mrs. Lewis and 4 children, Mrs. Hamilton and 3 children, Mr. J. C. Kinnaird, Mr. A. G. Fletcher. From Gibraltar. To Hongkong: Mr. Hayward and 2 children. From Marseilles.—To Shanghai: Mr. Murray. From Port Said.—To Shanghai: Mr. Levering.

Per Norddeutscher Lloyd steamer *Preussen*, from Bremen, Nov. 27, and Southampton, Dec. 2.—To China: Messrs. Frizell, Smith.

Per Norddeutscher Lloyd steamer *Prinz Heinrich*, from Bremen, Nov. 13, and Southampton, Nov. 18.—To Yokohama: Mr. G. Kowaki. To Shanghai: Mr. and Mrs. McIver, Miss Butler and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Blakie, Dr. McPhun, Mr. Lester and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rudland and child, Dr. and Mrs. Wilson and family Mr. and Mrs. Conway, Misses Culverwell, Lloyd, Towle, Simpson, Harms, Wartmann, Dewar, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson and family, Mr. Giller, Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, Messrs. Brackenbury, Richardson, Smith and friends, Mrs. Grenier and child, Miss Binstead, Mrs. Agassiz and children, Mrs. Allen, Messrs. Wallace, Davies, Mrs. Lennox and 3 children, Mr. and Mrs. Spinney, Mrs. Swan and child, Misses Tribe, H. Jenkins, Messrs. A. H. Budgson, Mason, Argento, Jennings, Mrs. Dowling and children. To Hongkong: Mr. Hickie, Mr. A. Rodger, Mr. W. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Capell, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Marshall, Miss Powell, Messrs. T. Gibbs, Pearce, T. L. Richardson.

SHIPPING GAZETTE.

In future the *Telegraph* shipping form supplied to Captains of vessels will contain a heading for notices of officers and engineers transferred or on leave, etc. Friends will much oblige by giving this information—

October 10th.

The officers of the s.s. *Catherine Ahearne* are:—Capt. S. H. Nelson, chief officer A. Buchanan, and officer A. Gillan, 3rd officer R. W. Taylor, Purser W. J. Edwards, chief engineer P. S. W. Parke, 4th engineer W. Mark.

The officers of the s.s. *Puan Sang* are:—Capt. P. H. Rolfe, chief officer C. E. Mellison, and officer H. Herbert, 3rd officer R. L. Shreffell.

October 14th.

The officers of the s.s. *Pontakota*, Captain Parsons, are:—1st mate J. C. Keertham, Lieut. R.N.R. 2nd mate J. H. Galgry, 3rd mate N. de Courcy Hardwick, 4th mate J. Wilkinson, 1st engineer A. Shaw, and engineer F. Spotswood, 3rd engineer R. Rigger, 4th engineer P. Christie, 5th engineer F. McColligan.

October 19th.

The officers of the German steamer *Marburg* are:—Capt. E. Zacharias, 1st officer C. Castan, and officer H. Merkus, 3rd officer E. Sauerland, chief engineer H. Ross, and engineer M. Boning, 3rd engineer H. Tahne, 4th engineer M. Harms.

November 1st.

Mr. Johnson has taken the place of Mr. Whitin, 2nd engineer, of the s.s. *Loongiang*, who is now on sick leave.

November 27th.

The officers of the P. & O. s.s. *Tientsin* are:—Capt. W. W. Cooke, chief officer P. S. Ram, and officer F. Hallam, 3rd officer F. H. Ayres, 4th officer A. C. Landale.

December 3rd.

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FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, ON

SATURDAY NEXT,

the 28th December instant, at 11 A.M.

THE REMAINING PORTION OF THE CONSIGNMENT OF

LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S JEWELLERY.

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A few lots will have an upset price marked at a very low figure which will be stated at the sale; with this exception the whole will be sold absolutely without reserve.

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On View from Friday, the 27th instant.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
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[1402c]

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1901.

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[1339c]

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STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
WAKASA MARU	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	FRIDAY, 27th Dec., at Daylight.
IYO MARU	VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, U.S.A., VIA SHANGHAI, MOI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	MONDAY, 30th Dec., at 4 P.M.
HIROSHIMA MARU	KOBE (DIRECT)	TUESDAY, 31st Dec., at Noon.
KUMANO MARU	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, VIA MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	THURSDAY, 2nd Jan., 1902, at 4 P.M.

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A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1901.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

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SAMARANG and SOERABAYA	"BRUCKBURN"	28th instant.
MANILA, CEBU, and ILOILO	"SUNGKIANG"	28th instant.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"OHANGSHA"	12th January.
MANILA	"CHINGTU"	16th January.
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FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"STENTOR"	26th December, 1901.
"	"MEMOR"	3rd January, 1902.
"	"IDOMENEUS"	8th "
"	"TANTALUS"	18th "
"	"AJAX"	22nd "
"	"PYRRHUS"	31st "

HOMEWARDS.

FOR LONDON	STEAMERS	DUE
"GLAUCUS"	"	25th Dec. 1901.
"DEIOLION"	"	7th Jan. 1902.
"PELEUS"	"	21st "
"STENTOR"	"	4th Feb. "
"IDOMENEUS"	"	18th "
"AJAX"	"	4th March, "
FOR LIVERPOOL (DIRECT), (Taking Cargo at LONDON RATES)	"	20th Jan. 1902.
"PATROCLUS"	"	13th Feb. 1902.
"TANTALUS"	"	"

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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1901. [1256c]

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PROPOSED SAILINGS.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS.

Destinations.	Steamers.	Captains.	Sailing Dates.
FOR TAMSUI*.....	"DAIGI MARU "T. Kikano	SUNDAY, 29th December.
FOR ANPING*.....	"MAIDZURU MARU "T. Saito	WEDNESDAY, 25th December.
FOR FOCHOW*.....	"ANPING MARU "K. Sudzuki	WEDNESDAY, 1st January.
FOR TAMSUI*.....	"DAIJIN MARU "T. Ogata	SUNDAY, 5th January.

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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1901. [1379c]

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Captain Reile, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 27th instant, at 4 P.M.

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Hongkong, 20th December, 1901. [1385c]

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Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1901. [1377c]

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FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

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Captain Donaldson, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 2nd January, at Noon.

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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1901. [1400c]

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THE Steamship

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Hongkong, 16th December, 1901. [1363c]

Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM ANTWERP, MIDDLESBRO AND LONDON.

THE Steamship

"GLENESK"

having arrived from the above Port, Consignees of Cargo by her, are hereby informed that their Goods are hereby landed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 26th instant, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Co. within ten days, after the steamer's arrival, after which no claims will be recognised.

McGREGOR BROS. & GOV.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1901. [1389c]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, FIUME, PORT SAID, ADEN, COLOMBO, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"MARIA VALERIE"

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No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 24th instant, will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SANDER, WIELER & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1901. [1376c]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "VICTORIA"

FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, MOJI AND SHANGHAI.

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

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DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1901. [14]

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship

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GEORGE ECKLEY,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1901. [1377c]

Consignees.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"SILESIA"

Captain Bahl, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 28th instant, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 28th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1901. [1400c]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

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FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

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Goods not cleared by the 28th instant, at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1901. [15]

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Hongkong, 17th December, 1901. [976c]

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Hongkong, 30th November, 1901. [1303c]

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taken years to make will be distributed in a
few minutes. The firm have several important
sales coming on that should not be missed and
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of the announcements made daily through the
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"FOR OF SUCH IS THE KINGDOM
OF HEAVEN."(Specially written for the "Hongkong
Telegraph.")

BY D. DOLLY ("DOLLY").

Little Ah Ching toiled painfully at the
saman oar, beside his big brother. Big
brother, though Ah Ching really was the
senior by a year; but a fall when a baby,
brought about by his mother's carelessness,
had resulted in an injury to the spine, and
at eight years of age Ah Ching was but an
emaciated little cripple, who would have
compared unfavourably with a healthy
Chinese boy of five.

Took weak to manage an oar by himself, he
could not sit beside his younger brother,
and exert his feeble strength to push the oar
back for him after he had completed the
stroke. He glanced enviously from time
to time at the sturdy limbs of his brother,
as he swung himself into his work, and
wondered why it was that he should be so
pitifully weak, and so utterly despised by
their father. For his father was never tired
of complaining about having to feed a
useless mouth. "As well have had a girl,"
he used to say contemptuously, as Ah Ching
struggled sadly to make himself of use, "as
one who only eats and can do nothing in
the sampan."

Kicks and cuffs there were in plenty, but
these the child took philosophically, seeing
that even his hale and hearty brother came
in occasionally for a share. It was right
that his parents should see fit to vent their
ill-feeling on him when times were bad and
fates not too plentiful; what else could he
do as his share of the labour, but to suffer
their blows silently, patiently, if it were a
relief to them; but oh! how he longed with
a gnawing hunger, for a word of sympathy,
an occasional glance of pity, as an
acknowledgement that he tried so bravely to
the best of his poor ability. His clothing
was of the scantiest, such as his father and
brother could find no further use for, and
his food the leavings of the rest; but he
never complained, even to himself.

Ah Ching had picked up a mangy pariah-
puppy in one of the back alleys in Wanchai,
and had brought it on board the sampan.
The look of hunger and suffering in the
poor, half-starved little brute, had touched
a chord of sympathy in the unhappy little
cripple, and he had brought it down in his
arms and washed its ulcerated body, sharing
his scanty meals with his dumb friend. His
parents had tolerated the presence of the
dog in the sampan, thinking, perhaps he
would be of use as a watch dog in the
future, and as Ah Ching shared his food
with it, they said nothing.

The two little waifs had come to love
each other with that affection that only two
suffering natures can feel for one another, and
the boy had found his greatest happiness in
depriving himself of food for the sake of his
canine friend.

Then, one day as they were sailing back
to the Blue Buildings landing steps, before
a stiff breeze, after having put a fare aboard
one of the steamers lying in the harbour, the
dog, in a moment of hungered desperation,
had stolen a morsel of fish that Ah Ching's
father had left lying aft. With a deep curse,
the man seized the little dog and flung it far
out into the water. The dog whined pitifully
as it fell with a splash, and struck
eagerly out after the rapidly vanishing
sampan, in the vain hope of being able
to overtake it, and the crippled child
gazed with a yearning look at his little friend
struggling for his life astern there, and
wished for the moment he were there with
him. An oath from his father, driven home
with a cuff, made him realize that he was
letting the sail-halyards slip through his
fingers, and with a look of mute, sorrowful
farewell in the direction of his little dog,
he turned again to his dreary duty.

But one day, a fare, an officer of one of
the ships lying in the harbour, whom they
were conveying to his ship, had caught the
look of dumb misery in the patient eyes
toiling at the oar before him, and the sailor's
heart had been touched.

"Poor little beggar! you look hungry,"
he had said and extended a twenty-cent
piece in his hand. The child's hand closed
over it almost mechanically, for he was look-
ing, with a wave of shy gratitude into the
first face he ever remembered to have smiled
kindly upon him. No sooner was the officer
up the ship's side, than his father had
roughly demanded the "coushaw" that the
"foreigner" had given him, but Ah
Ching, in his brief moment of happiness
had let it slip unregarded to the deck, and
with blows and curses, he had been made
to search between the planks, until it was
found and handed over to his parent.

The latter took it with a curse. "Little
beast!" he had said "it is not enough then,
that you should be unable to earn money,
but you must try to lose it when it is given
you?"

There was another brother, several years
older than Ah Ching, and he had for some
time held a position as 'boy' in one of the
houses, on Caine Road. Ah Ching had stolen
up several times to see him, he had always
seemed less harsh to the little cripple, and
appeared almost sorry at times for his de-
formity. Once, on returning from such a
visit, he had passed a school-house where a
missionary was speaking with thrilling ear-
nestness to some Chinese children. As he
hobbed painfully past, words had come to
him that caused him to stop and listen,
and then retrace his steps, until he crouched
beneath a window, thrown open to the
warm summer air.

He had strained his ears to catch every
word that the white man was speaking, and
little as he understood their import, it
seemed to do him good to listen there.

"Yes," the missionary was saying, "we are
ruled by love. The God who has it in His
power to do with us as He will, yet prefers
to govern us with Justice and Mercy. Did
not His only Son come down through sheer
love of each and all of us, to show us
were forgiven, and to work our redemption?
and if He could forgive and love us so, is it
not the least we can do, to forgive and love
each other?" So can we. A girl at the
doorway caused the boy to hobble on again.

pondering in his little brain what he had
heard. Love? what was it? he thought of
the various emotions and passions he had
witnessed in his parents, but could find none
that seemed to bear any relation to this.
Ah yes! his little dog. The friend his father
had so arbitrarily thrown overboard to drown.

He remembered, how, once when he had
inadvertently dropped an oar on his com-
panion, how the little beast had howled,
and then, reading the look of compassion
in his master's eyes, had crept up
to lick his hands. Was not this the love
and forgiveness the foreign man had
spoken about?

A while later, he had been to see his
brother again, and was sitting in the cook-
house enjoying the smell of the savoury
viands cooking, that seemed almost as
good as a meal to him. He had closed his
eyes in an ecstasy of delighted enjoyment,
fancying himself, seated before a large bowl
of the food whose odour was so delicious;
when he opened them with a startled
exclamation to find the lady of the house
standing over him, regarding him with a
frown.

"Who is that horrid little hunch-back?"
She asked. [What does he want here? Send
him away instantly, horrid little thing!"]
Blinded by scalding tears, he had groped
his way out to the back-steps, and so on to
the road again.

No one wanted to have anything to do
with him! Send him away! Even his
own people scarce tolerated him. With
an infinite longing for rest, he had
crept back to the sampan, the home that
he knew he only occupied on sufferance.
And as he went, the missionary's words
came back to him. But how reconcile what
he had said, with this white woman's cruelty?
Perhaps though, he thought, she did not
worship the same "Joss"; she could not.
The "Joss" that was all love and forgive-
ness, and whom all should try to emulate.
And yet his brother had once pointed out
with pride to him, his mistress, as she came
out of that very "Joss house" one morning.
Was it all only make believe then? Look-
see pig-dog? And if the followers of this
God had nothing but hard words for him,
would the "Joss" himself deign to notice a
poor cripple?

And so, with many questioning doubts in his
childish mind, he crawled back to the sampan
and into a corner, to find in sleep, that rest
and peace that his waking hours denied him.
Ah Ching's father and mother had gone
on shore, taking with them his brother and
leaving him to look after the sampan,
anchored far out from the steps. He had
had no food that day; his father had con-
temptuously told him that perhaps he would
bring back with him in the evening some of
the food he never earned, and he was sitting
with his knees drawn up to his chin, and his
little wasted hands clasped around them—
thinking.

It was very cold; and he was hungry.
Would his father bring him off something to
eat, he wondered. And yet, why should he?
Sadly he surveyed the scant raiment that
was considered good enough for him, a boy
that could not help earn the family living.

His father was right. Of what use was
he! Better had he had a daughter.

Perhaps if he died, his father would be
pleased. In these hard times, it was all they
could do to earn enough to buy food, there
would be one mouth the less to feed. At
least no one would be sorry.

He hid his face in his knees, and violent
sobs shook the poor little body. Presently
he rose and stole to the bow of the sampan.
Lifting one of the deck boards, he peered in
at a large stone lying there with a piece of
cord bound round it, the two ends lying
beside. For a long time he looked ear-
nestly down at the stone, then replaced the
board, creeping back to his place and hudd-
ling himself up to keep warm.

How cold he was, and how hungry. Per-
haps father and mother would come back
without anything to eat, with nought but
the inevitable samshu!

He looked down at the water he loved
so well, and out across the harbour that
had been home and playground to him.
Why was he there? Oh, what was the use
of him, a poor malformed cripple that
could not even pull an oar? He must
leave, it would be easier for the others to
get on without him. He stole forward
again and dragged the stone from its hiding
place. It had been all his weak little arms
could do, to drag the stone there undetected,
and now as he brought it forth again, he
sank trembling and palpitating beside it,
his hot face pressed against the deck.
Thoughts came to him of the words he had
heard about the white man's "Joss." He
wondered would He help him; he would
ask. Crawling to the other end of the
boat, he took out a Joss stick from among
the bundle his mother always kept there.
She would not mind it's loss, he thought,
when she knew what he had done.

Lighting the Joss-stick at the lamp in the
stern, he stuck it into a crack between the
boards, softly calling on the foreigner's "Joss"
to come and take him away. Away from
a place where he was not wanted; anywhere,
he did not mind, only he should not be a
burden to anyone. With faltering whisper,
he called on the "Joss" to take notice of
the sweet smell of the burning sandal-wood,
and help him. Another great sob shook
the deformed little frame.

A few minutes later, he raised his head
and looked up, stiff and cold. The Joss-
stick had gone out and he looked at
it blankly as a glimmer of understanding
came into his eyes. He saw now what it
meant.

The foreigner's Joss, like every one else
would have nothing to do with him. He
was of no use to anyone. He must help
himself.

He rose to his feet, his resolution taken.
There seemed something sublime almost in
the childish figure, as it stood there in the
night air, gazing with sad eyes toward the
shore.

How he loved the harbour; he was sorry
to leave it; but his father had told him again
and again, that he was an encumbrance,
and times were hard.

His deformed seemed to have vanished,
as he stood there erect in all the grandeur

of a doubting soul, putting away its doubts,
and his eyes softened as the light seemed to
break across his weary little brain.

In at the steps, a light began to move,
and he knew his father and mother would
be soon returning.

He must hurry, if his task was to be done.
He looked down at the cold, still water.
Would it hurt very much? It could not,
he thought; he loved it too well, and even
as he gazed another rending sob shook his
frame and forced itself to his lips.

He knelt down and fastened the ends
of the cord around his neck and crept to
the side, pushing the heavy stone before
him.

The cord was too tight and choked him,
and he commenced loosening it a little.
The thought of what he had to do stopped
him. What did it matter? Another minute
or two, and he would not mind the cord
being too tight! He withdrew his fingers
from the knot.

The sound of oars on the still night air,
told him of the approach of his parents.
He looked down, and thought he saw again
his little dog, the only being that had ever
loved him, looking up from the cold cheer-
less depths with appealing eyes, and with a
shudder he pushed the stone over the side.
There was a double splash and the waves
eddied round the place where he sank;
then, as the waters resumed their calm, a
rift in the clouds showed a solitary star
shining out on the world below.

It cast its reflection in ineffable compas-
sion on the spot from whence little ringlike
ripples were slowly spreading out; and when
the water was settled again, and its image
became steady and lustrous, it seemed to
tell of the rest that had come to the weary
little spirit below.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

With a fleet of eighty magnificent steamers
of a total displacement of 85,000 tons the Osaka
Shosen Kaisha, or Osaka Mercantile Steam-
ship Company, Limited, are having an ever
increasing share of the traffic in the Far
East. It is an old established Japanese
firm which has been steadily growing and,
at the same time, improving in its accom-
modation afforded for passengers until it has
now reached almost the acme of perfection.
Seven years ago they made rapid strides and
opened out in several directions, and have ever
since been going forward. They have upwards
of twenty branches and agencies at Hongkong,
Swatow, Amoy, Ichang, Chefoo, Tientsin,
Newchwang, Manila, Saigon and at all the
principal ports in Japan. The Mitsui Bussan
Kaisha attend to their passenger and freight
business in Hongkong, while all business
transactions are conducted at their own offices.
On the Inland Sea of Japan and along the
coasting lines they have fifty steamers run-
ning on eighteen different routes, and it is
of interest to note that the Company's
new steamers are specially designed for the
Coast trade of South China and Amoy, and
are elaborately fitted with all modern im-
provements. For the Yantze River traffic they
have some specially built steamers which are
very fast and magnificently fitted up. All
steamers carry the Imperial Japanese Mail,
and are subject to periodical inspection by the
Government Marine Surveyors, besides being
registered in the highest class at Lloyd's. The
Daiichi Maru, and *Daijin Maru* are specially
fitted for coast trips and all who have
travelled by them speak in terms of highest
praise of their seaworthy qualities, and com-
fortable accommodation. Mr. T. Arima is the
general manager at Hongkong, and full parti-
culars regarding freight, passages sailing, etc.,
will be readily furnished. A glance at our
advertising columns will show the excellent
service of steamers which the Company are
regularly running, and a peep at their balance
sheet for the past half year will convince one of
the tremendous amount of money passing
through their hands. On the capital account
the 220,000 shares total out at ¥5,000,000,000,
and the other accounts show items equally as
satisfactory.

HOUGHTON & CO.,
THE TAILORS.THE EQUITABLE LIFE
ASSURANCE CO.

If you are desirous of making a useful
Christmas gift to your wife, why not call on
Mr. F. Kruse, the local Manager of the Equi-
table Life Assurance Co. He can give you the
particulars regarding one of his Company's
"Guaranteed Cash Value Policies," that will
be a welcome present indeed to your better
half. Clothes, jewellery, bric-a-brac are all
very well in their way, but five years from
now, where are they? Worn out, lost, broken!
How much better to make a present that will
endure for all time, that even after your death
is a living reminder. To the layman, life in-
surance is usually a game that you "have to
die to beat it." But to the student of financial
matters, several of the policies issued by the
Equitable are simply and purely long term in-
vestments, on the installment plan, with the feel-
ing that if at any time death should call you your
estate is benefitted to a much larger extent
than as if you had placed your money in any
other style of investment. Your security is
guaranteed, one of the strongest financial in-
stitutions in the world is backing your policy.
Assets over £6,000,000, a net surplus of
over £1,000,000, and a business that neces-
sitated the payment of £5,459,333 to policy
holders during the year 1900. Every far-
seeing business realizes the ups and downs of
this world, and it is his duty to his family
during the "seven years of plenty" to provide
for the possible contingency of a season of
famine. In times of financial crises when it is
impossible to borrow from the banks, how
convenient, how absolutely necessary, in fact
it is to be able to take your insurance policy
to the office of the Company and borrow
a sum that will perhaps prevent your financial
ruin—All these points and many others of
equal interest and importance will be explained
to you by Mr. Kruse, who is a wide-awake man
of affable manners. He understands his busi-
ness thoroughly, appreciates the value of the
strong, well-managed company back up him,
and if he cannot show you the benefits
of a policy in his Company, you are indeed
sadly wanting in business acumen.

THE OLD STORY.

The second course of the *Table d'hôte* was
being served.
"What is this leathery stuff?" demanded the
corpulent diner.
"That blong filly said," replied the boy.
"Take it away," said the corpulent diner,
"and see if you can't get me a nice tender
piece of the upper, with its buttons removed."

WM. POWELL, LTD.

Residents of Hongkong who remember the above firm under the old style, on paying a visit to the store now, have an object lesson before them as to what can be effected by management, experience and general up-to-date-ness. On mounting the staircase and entering the first department one is struck with the air of bustling business that pervades the place. Every one seems busy, but not so much so, that the intending purchaser is at once taken in hand and after a time leaves with a feeling that he has been to a church bazaar and must go and borrow to cents for a ricksha to get home. The children never get past the first room, as it is literally smothered in toys. Toys for babies, toys for girls and toys for boys, from the 25 cents doll up to the sturdy youngster's bicycle and rocking horse. Air guns for the boy of 10, and prams for the little miss of 7. The glass cases are very prettily dressed, (and in the evening lit up with fairy lamps), with the daintiest of selections to take the eye of those most interested, viz. the children. Those in charge are also pleased when they find that all these goods must be disposed of to make way for fresh shipments, and prices range accordingly. Powell's motto is to keep on going, and if a stream of cases are constantly arriving, a procession of parcels must be continually going, and they see that it is so, or want to know the reason why. Another department that is well patronised just now is the Fancy goods for Xmas presents. Here one finds writing, dressing and glove cases, ink stands, photo frames, nickel plated cruet stands, silver ware, purses, trays &c. &c. All these must be cleared, and one has the satisfaction of giving a present and the pleasurable feeling of saving money. Moving on one comes to the ladies' paradise. Right down the centre of the long show room are arranged a succession of glass cases, each distinctive in colour, as they are in the materials displayed. The first is devoted to the latest Parisian fashions. These have only just arrived, together with a selected lot of woollen goods. Art needle work, lace handkerchiefs, and silver toilet utensils occupy the next case, arranged very artistically and look as dainty and delicate as the most critical eye could wish, besides redounding very much to the credit of the little lady who has sole charge of the setting out of these goods. Millinery, fur and feather neckties, not forgetting some very charming chiffon ruffles, evening capes, gloves, and what you will, shades, designs, and makes, so that any lady desiring a costume in the dressmaking department can obtain any of the new and latest fashions in any shade, to match the material selected. Space will not allow of us going into everything displayed and we can only say in conclusion, go and inspect. You will go away poorer in pocket, but richer in knowledge of the latest fashions and what is being worn on the other side of the water.

MESSRS. J. ULLMANN AND CO.

A neat little article of jewellery makes a pleasing present for Christmas and one that can always be kept as a token of good will and friendship. At 74, Queen's Road, Messrs. Ullmann and Co. have a great assortment of watches, rings, bracelets and brooches, not to mention musical boxes and chiming clocks. They make a great specialty with their diamonds of which they may proudly boast, and their other precious stones are no small credit to this enterprising firm. They have secured a great reputation in the Colony for their skilled workmanship, and any article brought from them or sent for repair is sure to please.

MESSRS. DISS AND GILLINGS.

If clothes do not make the man they go a long way towards it, and when one knows he is well dressed it gives a confidence that in some cases is overdone. Messrs. Diss and Gillings have been quietly pecking along, their cutting and material being their best advertisement (Barring the *H. K. T.*—Ed.) and relying almost solely on everyone wishing to look as well as the man who deals with D. and G. One great advantage their customers have is every article that leaves their establishment is gone carefully through in every detail by one of the heads of the firm and consequently alteration or complaints are almost a thing of the past.

THE CONNAUGHT HOUSE.

Mr. J. H. Wainwright has lately assumed the management of this well known Hotel, and under his supervision it has been overhauled and refurbished. At present it is the leading family hotel in Hongkong, and its cuisine is rapidly becoming celebrated. Mine host Wainwright is always on hand, ready to rectify any errors or omissions on the part of his staff of servants, and to see that it does not occur again. The wine cellar is stocked with the finest brands of wines and liquors, and after the first sampling, one feels like "Oliver Twist" and cries for more. Special attention is given to monthly boarders, and the length of their residence there is a guarantee of the excellence of their treatment. The Hotel being on Queen's Road (central in the centre of the City, makes it very convenient for business men. For a perfect table, good wines, excellent service, and service combined with very reasonable terms, there is no place in town like "The Connaught."

MESSRS. W. BREWER AND CO.

Next in order to Christmas itself, few things are more inevitable than the gift books which crowd the stalls and out one's time "onoured and sober" periodicals. Gift books with a moral, gift books with no morals, gift book with pictures, and gift books about the war, have arrived in profusion and are now to be seen at Messrs. Brewer and Co.'s store. The difficulty is to know which of the many to select, but there are other presents in great profusion. Complete sets of tennis requisites, croquet, cricket, and football for outdoor use, race games, cards, bezique sets and every other game for the parlour. Then of course they have a bewildering variety of choice things in the way of Xmas greetings, to say nothing of beautiful picture calendars and tasteful stationery.

MESSRS. RITCHIE & CO.

Although in a time of many years standing, this firm has made up in energy and push what they lack in time. The consequence is they are kept busy all the time. They do not believe in waiting for orders to come in them so Mr. Ritchie is all the morning round and about the shops and seldom comes back without some good proof of his industry. Stocking as they do nearly every requisite for steamers or sailing ship they are quite prepared to undertake any order from a needle to the work themselves have no difficulty in competing with their older rivals. We certainly advise anyone on the look out for ships stores, and wishing their vessels to be well found, to pay a visit to the store in Des Voeux Road for they will be satisfied with the goods to be seen and pleased with the prompt attention given to every detail of the business by the head of the firm.

THE EDITOR'S REVERIE.

TIME: CHRISTMAS EVE. THE EDITOR LOQUITUR.

Christmas! Aye let the days run darkling, Circling fleetly toward the close Of the year, that ebbs with no joyous sparkling, Weighted with burden of human woes.

What do I care! So my pipe draws sweetly, Musing at ease in my bamboo chair, How many days have withdrawn discreetly, Adding themselves to the waning year.

See, how the smoke on the air up curling Weaves me the pictures of bye-gone days; Pictures of life in Hongkong unfurling, History imaged in pulsing waves.

Ah! There are two young ladies speaking, Gossiping: surely I know that face! What does May say? "It is past repeating, The way 'Flo acts is a sheer disgrace!"

Another whiff, and there 'Flo is standing, Whispering what she has heard of May, Into the ear of a friend, demanding, "What do you think of such conduct, pray?"

Dim grows the scene from the smoke out- weaving, Fainter, and harder their words to catch; Fading at last on the air, not leaving, Aught to renew it. Here boy! A match.

Now it is lit, and the fumes go twining, Circling cunningly in and around; Weaving a scene, as the smoke declining Sinks like a pall to the chilling ground.

See! There the city is somberly showing, Silent, and stricken with horror vague, What is that shadow? That darker growing, Broods over the town? 'Tis the fearsome Plague!

There sits the "Board of Proclamation, Glib with excuses and reasons pat, Blaming, for cause of the visitation That hideous monster—the household rat!

"Up men! Be doing!" he cries out wildly, Waiting the smoke with a swirl aside, Think ye there's naught to be done, but idly Pass resolutions that naught betide?"

There! It is gone, and the next puff lingers, Darker and deeper; a blot of shame; A shade unwoven by devilish fingers, Ha! It unfolds and exhibits a name.

Cochrane Street, and it's houses of horror, Poised in the smoke-field, on hollow walls; Lives that are fated to see no morrow— A zephyr stirs—and the building falls.

Falls with a crash, as the smoke drawn vision, Wreathed into forms by a Nemesis skilled, Fashions a grave and a gaping prison, Inscribed "One is full, let the other be filled."

Ah! Now the smoke from the briar ascending, Quivers and thrills with the clashing of bells, "Christmas is dawned, and its Peace is descending,

"Forgive ye their faults," is the message it tells, Aye! Let us pardon each others transgressions, Which one among us, dare cast the first stone? Who that is blameless? And the scribe arises, Knocks out his pipe, and—the visions are gone.

VERA.

MESSRS. LEVY HERMANOS.

As sure as you pass along Queen's Road Central you will invariably see a small crowd of interested onlookers outside the Maison Levy Hermanos whether it is mechanical clocks, diamond stars and bracelets, rings set with precious stones that dazzle the eyes and excite the cupidity of the gazer, there it always something of interest to be viewed. On entering the store a great array is seen set out to the best advantage in plush frames under glass, pearls of price, diamonds, sapphires, rubies &c. &c. made up in every conceivable form and in addition are a quantity of the very newest things in trinkets viz., New Art Ware. This is a fashion that has become all the rage in Europe and is exceedingly pretty and out here still uncommon. The main idea it seems to us is in copying the Ancient Egyptian form of ornament and slightly modernising the shape and workmanship. The result is an artistic article.

MESSRS. SIEMSEN & CO.

Christmas comes but once a year, and that for some folk, is once too often. This is occasioned by their suffering from that complaint called in patent medicine advertisements "temporary congestion arising from over-indulgence in alcoholic beverages." One can quite understand that this complaint is particularly prevalent at Christmas if one has happened in one's way by Messrs. Siemsen in their stock of wines. However, as Eve handed down to her daughters the art of comforting man, for the firm in question counters the "temporary congestion" arising from too much attention to their good things by supplying their customers with the famous Hiran water, which not only mixes well with either wines or spirits, but is a capital thing for removing that dark brown taste which sometimes plagues one in the morning.

MESSRS. COTTAM & CO.

Messrs. Cottam & Co.'s store is not only an establishment replete with every requirement for the mere man's wardrobe but, is a hunt for the would-be well-dressed man about town. On every side is seen a carefully bought stock of goods, the best English and American made boots. Ties & Co. and Townsends hats, the latest thing in scarves and other neckwear, leather puttees, and leggings, underwear of all kinds to suit all seasons, in fact everything in the outfitting line that man could wish for. Old residents and visitors during the course of years have found that by going to Messrs. C. & Co. and paying a fair price they secure an article that is good when it is new and when after long service it is discarded it is still a good article and during the wearing stamps the man as one who is shrewd enough to know that in the long run the best is the cheapest. Owing to the position of the store (under the Hongkong Hotel) less successful rivals fancy their large and increasing business is solely due to this fact, but it would be found that if even placed in a back street their methods would be found to send them to the front and their consistent policy of stocking only the best of makes, would keep them there.

G. P. LAMMERT.

One does not expect to see much bustle or life in a quiet thoroughfare like Duddell Street, but Mr. G. P. Lammert's Auction Rooms are there, and not content with filling their extensive rooms with goods generally spread themselves half across the street. Sale after sale is conducted, account sales rendered, goods delivered, and at once in comes another lot, and the same programme is repeated to the satisfaction of the owners and profit of the venturing firm. One day the place is chock-a-block with furniture and on going next day to have another look at the particular overmantel that took your fancy the old adage that "delays are dangerous" is borne home on you because the place is full of Japanese goods and you have to find out who bought the piece you wanted and go and pay an increased price for it. Some time ago Mr. G. P. Lammert threw himself heart and soul into the land sales line and quickly established a firm footing, as one well able to arrange and conduct a very important branch of his business. The present year now drawing to a close has witnessed his most successful efforts. For some time the European land owners were his chief supporters, but in a very short period the Chinese started to nibble, and soon Mr. Lammert had the offer to dispose of a very large area. This proved so successful and the Chinese, finding it profitable to themselves, other sales have followed at short intervals up to the present time. Only a few days ago \$50,000 worth of land changed hands through this enterprising firm, and at a date to be fixed \$300,000 worth is to be offered with every chance of its rapidly going off. Purchasers have found that it is to their advantage to buy through these brokers owing to the perfect financial arrangements that have been made and which are offered to the buyer. In one year Mr. G. P. L. has placed over \$1,000,000 worth of valuable property, and 1902 will open with every promise of beating his previous record.

G. GIRAULT.

The cup that cheers is nowhere if not at hand on Christmas Day. As a miss is as good as a mile, so is a half replenished bin as bad as an empty cellar. Look see! get in the stock before the store in Queen's Road Central is empty. Mr. Girault is having a tremendous demand for his many specialties not only in wines and spirits but in his table delicacies, French wines and liquors, and English, French, and American confectionery, which he is now offering at very moderate prices. Toothsome cheeses are in his store piled up in great variety, and busy masters and paters can have their pick from huge assortments of everything that goes to make up a very Merry Christmas.

MESSRS. H. PRICE & CO.

What is so cheering as a drink of good whiskey? With the feeling at the same time that there is going to be no visit next morning from our "too-fine-present" friends—Mr. R. E. Morris and R. E. Gert. If you wish to be cheered, with none of those after effects, a bottle of Messrs. H. Price & Co.'s Club Whiskey, or their F. O. S., is the medicine you are seeking. For a small sum of \$12, a dozen bottles of their Club brand can be secured, and if one wants the very finest old liqueur whiskey their F. O. S. at \$15, a dozen will satisfy the most critical. If by any chance you make a fatal error and are tempted to try any other brand of whiskey, Messrs. Price and Co. have provided for this contingency, and are the agents for the celebrated Tan San Mineral water, which is efficacious for that "next morning" feeling. It is one of the purest natural mineral waters on the market and it is almost incredible to hear of the number of bottles of this water that are consumed annually—something over 3,000,000. There, again, and sub agents, a list of whom would fill much more space than we can devote to it in these columns. It is the king-of-all-mineral waters, and the popular brand in the Orient. To the connoisseur a trip to the establishment of Messrs. Price & Company is indeed a treat. Wines of the rarest, vintages of the oldest and finest are to be found there. Champagne, from nothing a dozen with a lithographed poster gratis, to Mout and Chandon, the best and choicest brand, can be purchased there. If you wish to stock your cellar, we would advise an early visit to them, as prices will be advanced shortly on account of exchange. In Manila, where they have a branch house, the reputation of this firm is second to none. The stock is of such a variety that they cater successfully to tastes of all nations, from the Spanish *hidalgo* with his native sherry, claret, &c., to the opposite inclinations of the Yankee for his peculiar whiskeys and numerous brands of beer.

THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

"Sufficient for the day is the evil thereof" is an oft-quoted maxim, but with Christmas it is best to give a thought for the morrow. A well spread festive board, to say nothing of the inevitable cup that cheers, tends to have an unpleasant after effect which can only be relieved by a visit to the chemist. The Victoria Dispensary will put you right at once, and when making a trip to their premises a glance at their tempting stock of English, French, and American perfumes will ensure a visit to their store. They are an old established firm having catered in Christmas requisites since 1865.

THE MUTUAL STORES.

After many vicissitudes this firm has made its way and now occupies a firm position in the opinion of the buying public of Hongkong. Their Xmas trade this year has been very satisfactory and yet they are not satisfied, so on Monday and Tuesday before Christmas Day they intend selling off every bit of the festive season's shipments. Purchasers on these two days will practically have matters in their own hands as the management intend to clear out at some price or other all Toys Xmas gifts, Cadbury's Chocolates &c. &c. In addition in the regular department that are on view. Don't forget, all must be cleared.

A CHEE AND CO.

There is promise of plenty in the world of Christmas presents this season. The fashion of sending tokens of greeting has revived in the past year or two, and has stimulated inventiveness in design and perfection that is a revelation. Messrs. A Chee and Co., the well known importers of European goods of all kinds, at 172 Queen's Road, have a wealth of novelties ranging from drawing room dainties to kitchen requisites. Everything is new, and every design has merit. Their photographic department is well stocked and amateurs or professionalists can get all they require in the way of slides, papers, chemicals, films and other accessories. A visit to their premises, near the Hongkong Hotel, would be well repaid, and friends would be highly delighted at the capital selection of presents you so kindly forwarded.

NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE CO.

Life Insurance as a compulsory Savings Bank, an investment proposition, has been attracting the attention of the financial world for several years past. When you desire to make an investment of any kind, you certainly investigate very carefully the financial condition, stability, etc. of the security offered. You also wish to find the number and class of investors before placing your money. An analysis of the statement of the New York Life Insurance Co. will show that no safer investment can be found in the world. All the men whose names are a power in finance are policy holders in that Co., their policies being distributed throughout 82 countries, from one end of the world to the other. As a further evidence of the popularity of this Company we will state that the actual paid for, new-placed business during the year 1900 amounted to the enormous sum of \$23,388,255. Gold. Aside from the investment feature of life insurance, the speedy payment of a policy after death is an important item. How often estates are tied up in probate for many months after the decease of the head of the family. Ready money is necessary to "keep the wolf from the door," certain investments need protection. The sorrowing widow does not know where to turn, and how she would welcome a sum of money placed to her credit almost immediately. What thousand and one uses it could be put to, what a relief to know that it is there, and that her future and that of her children is provided for. Every thinking man acknowledges the inestimable benefits of a life insurance policy, but he thinks he will wait until "next year" to take out one. Remember, it will cost you more every year that you wait. No time like the present! Call on Mr. Hector W. Sampson, at the Hongkong Hotel, who is the authorized agent of the New York Life Insurance Co. for the Colony. Mr. Sampson is a courteous gentleman of the up-to-date school and can show you in a very few moments the great advantages of a policy in the Co. he represents. The personality of Mr. Sampson, with the backing of the oldest and largest Life Insurance Company in the world, makes a business combination hard to beat. It was a case of "money or your life," but we understand that he guarantees to take both. If you have not the time to spare to call on Mr. Sampson, a note or telephone message will always receive his prompt attention.

HOUGHTON & CO., THE TAILORS.

MESSRS. CARLOWITZ & CO.

Many people are possessed with the idea that the firm who sell the lowest priced articles, do the largest trade. In some few lines this is so, but when you come to manufacturers' goods, up in bottles, excellence is the criterion, and very often the most expensive article is the cheapest. Messrs. C. & Co. make a bold bid for a high class trade and assuredly they have secured it. Take their main brand of Champagne for instance, where is to be found a sounder wine than "Heidsieck's Monopole!" Not a cheap wine perhaps, but splendid value for money and always in first rate condition. Again with beer, "Pabst" takes a lot of beating and is a capital beer for the vendor, as well as the thirsty purchaser, because there is not a flat or corked bottle in a case. Who does not know and appreciate "Pachor" Mrychen, a good black beer with a body in it to gladden the heart and make things in general look a little more rosy. The teetotaler is not forgotten, as Messrs. C. & Co. are agents for "Apollinaris" properly called "The Queen of Table Waters," and this mixed with a little R. D. Whisky is equal to the "Necktie of the Gods." To the careful imbiber their stock of hocks, moselles, and sparkling wines recommend themselves, as they are specially selected by experienced connoisseurs and shipped direct from where grown. Any information can be obtained as to prices &c. by note to the firm, or better still by calling at their address, next to Butterfield & Swire's, Praya Street.

DORABJEE NOWROJEE.

No Christmas is complete without its Christmas cake, and no cake is considered dainty unless properly baked at the Hongkong Bakery, in Des Voeux Road. Good old English Christmas bites, weighing from one pound to 20 lbs, of real sound quality, have been made—in say nothing of mincepies and other table treats.

FIRE SIGNALS ON SHORE, HONGKONG.

1st.—Quick alarm Bell for 5 minutes. 1 Stroke for Eastern district, East of Murray Barracks. 2 Strokes, Central district from Murray Barracks to the Harbour Office. 3 Strokes, Western district.

MESSRS. W. SCHMIDT & CO.

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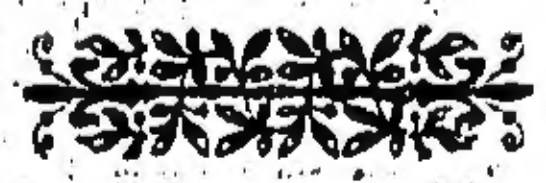
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NOT RECOGNIZED.

Tom: "Have a smoke, old man?"
Jack: "Thanks. Don't care if I do."
Tom: "You'll find that is something like a cigar."
Jack (after a few puffs): "By George, there is a slight resemblance. What is it?"

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A glance at the splendid stock of Japanese art curios which Messrs. Kuhn and Komor are now showing at their Queen's Road depot convinces anyone who is on the search for the ideal that in these latter days among the most fortunate of beings is the curio hunter. Never before have the desires and wants of the searcher been so sympathetically catered for; and never before have their interests been so intelligently served. A visit to Messrs. Kuhn and Komor's magnificent museum of Eastern art is more than amply repaid. There one can see and buy objects of beauty, not only for finish and careful carrying out of details, but for the fact that they are really the highest class of Japanese goods to be obtained the world over. There are magnificent specimens of beaten silver, inlaid silver, cloisonné on silver and on gold; gold lacquered work; cabinets, bronzes, ancient porcelains, raised ivory, carved panels and screens and the celebrated white lacquer, for which this firm is famous and justly proud. There are embroideries, silk hangings, beautiful vases, delicate ivory carvings in screens and on tucks, and in fact everything desired by the most fastidious. The firm has been in business now for sixteen years and have already opened four branches, which next year they intend to supplement with another in London. Mr. Komor is now in Japan among the factories, so that he is enabled to buy direct from the art workmen. Lucky is the hunter who can walk into the magnificent treasure house and enter upon its rich possessions in the winter of 1901-1902.

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AN INSINUATION.

Tom (looking over his papers): "Here is a receipted bill from my tailor—three years old. Might as well tear it up."
Jack: "Keep it as a curiosity."

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Mr. House: "It doesn't seem to me that our new cook is a great success."
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MESSRS. CAMPBELL, MOORE & CO.

In all relations of life some person or persons are always at the summit of the pedestal while others are, with all their striving, crowded round the base. So it is even in a hairdresser's business. Messrs. C. M. & Co. some years ago fought their way to the front and established a solid connection, and have maintained their position to the present day. A few months ago they always on the look-out for fresh opportunities, remodelled their front store and obtained the services of an experienced manager. The result has surpassed their expectations, as every lady in search of those numerous adjuncts to the toilet, finds them in great variety at Messrs. C. M. & Co. Perfumes, cosmetics, manicure sets, sponges &c. &c., together with all those mysterious little China pots, cut glass bottles, and brushes of all descriptions that go to make up the modern dressing table, are on sale at moderate prices. The ladies' saloon is well patronised and the greatest care and attention is given to either dressing the hair or making up combings, fringes, switches or curls. The children are not forgotten for there is a well selected stock of tops to please the youngsters, and Messrs. C. M. & Co. are determined to get them all off by Xmas. So now is the opportunity to buy at very little above cost.

VERONICA'S VENGEANCE.

Specially Written for the Hongkong Telegraph.

Veronica was a typical child of the south. Born and bred in Cavite Viejo in the island of Luzon, brought up a strict Catholic (as Catholics go in the Philippines) she was a child of nature—and a passionate child at that. The teachings of the honest Spanish padre had made an impression upon her to a certain extent, but all the same, the early instincts of her Malayan ancestors were apt to crop up now and again to the confusion of her Christian training, and the primitive savage would peep out in a manner that would rend the heart of her pastor. Thus matters went with Veronica until she reached the age of sixteen, when she was wooed and won by a Filipino quartermaster on one of the coasting boats trading between the China Ports. He was a trifle dark in complexion, if the truth be told, and could not be compared to the olive-skinned Veronica, but, as their parents had been acquainted for years in the old town of Cavite, nothing could be more natural than that the young Argoncillos should ask the hand of his former playmate in marriage, and that the twain should be united at the expiration of Argoncillos' leave; for Argoncillos was poor and he could not tell when his next holiday could be counted upon, so the marriage had to be hurried forward. The couple were certainly most devoted, but the old folk of the town shook their heads and threw out vague hints about the folly of a hasty marriage, but everything went off as happily as the proverbial wedding bells, and the pair departed for Hongkong, where they were to make their home until such time as Argoncillos had amassed sufficient wealth to enable them to return to their native town and rent or purchase enough land to support them.

Hongkong was a revelation to Veronica. She had never seen such fine buildings, nor such gorgeous displays of tempting wares in the shops, and she was amazed and pleased at the fair complexion of the Europeans, so different from the olive or coffee-coloured tints of the inhabitants of Cavite Viejo. Argoncillos was pleased to first see the interest taken by his young wife in her surroundings, but when he noted the coquettish glances which she was wont to cast at the blue eyed Englishmen that they encountered in their walks, his mind grew troubled, particularly as the trim built figure of Veronica in her picturesque Filipino costume, with her bright eyes and attractive face peeping from the folds of her mantilla, seldom failed to attract the admiring glances of the younger members of the English community.

Now Argoncillos fully recognised the fact that his money would not last for ever, and so, some fortnight after their arrival in Hongkong, he began to look around for an engagement and obtained the berth of quartermaster upon a steamer running to Calcutta. Then came the all important question of where he was to leave his girl wife. He feared to trust her to the tender mercies of the Filipino quartermaster of the town, for he was well aware that the morals of his countrywomen in that quarter were by no means all that could be desired; so he put on his considering cap and at last came to the conclusion that a room over a Chinaman's shop in the settlement on the Kowloon peninsula would be most suited to his wife, and accordingly they migrated across the harbour and were soon installed in their new quarters. Then the ship on which Argoncillos had obtained employment sailed for Calcutta, and many were the bitter tears that Veronica wept at his departure.

At the age of sixteen, however, grief is not of long duration, and Veronica, after the first day's misery, commenced to take an interest in outside events. She would stand on the small verandah of her room above the Chinaman's shop and gaze at the passers by, particularly in the morning when the few European inhabitants of Kowloon were proceeding to the day's work in Hongkong. It was this which wrought the downfall of Veronica, for great things often spring from small beginnings, and in her case it proved to be so.

Every morning she saw a young man who was her very beau ideal of an Englishman, the race which she had admired so long as she could remember. He would not perhaps have been called handsome from the standpoint of his countrymen, for he was too fair, with eyebrows almost white, and the palest of blue eyes, while the unhealthy pallor of his face was evidently due to ill health. Still, in Veronica's eyes he was the acme of manly beauty, and she got into the habit of waiting morning and evening to see the young man pass.

Now the object of Veronica's admiration was Jones, a young member of one of the Hongkong mercantile houses, who had lately been thrown over by the girl whom he had left behind him in the far away English village from whence he came. Three years ago, the five years which were to expire before Jones returned to marry the girl had seemed as nothing, but at the end of a year her letters commenced to be less effusive, and to arrive at longer intervals, until, at the expiration of eighteen months, came the old story of the other fellow and her love for him, and that she did not know her own mind when she promised herself to Jones.

Jones, being of a sentimental nature, gave himself up to melancholy for fully a month, and then indulged in a wild burst of dissipation which resulted in a severe dose of fever and a resolution to adhere strictly to the paths of virtue for the future. Six months later came the news of the girl's marriage, and Jones in celebrated the event by an orgy which threw his first lapse from virtue entirely into the shade, and was not preceded by a period of melancholy as was the former. But this time Jones had learnt a certain amount of worldly wisdom and he practised his vice in secret, with the result that the head of the firm sympathised with the so-called attack of fever, and Jones spent a couple of months in Japan. Now Japan is not a good place for a youngster who has started on the downward track, and is viciously inclined, and, although his health was improved by the trip, his morals were not, and on his return he set up an

establishment in Kowloon on his own account, in order to be able to go his own way alone. Had he had someone to take an interest in him at this time he might have been reclaimed, but he had not and, as he thought nobody cared, he went to the dogs at his own sweet will.

Matters had reached this state with Jones when Veronica crossed his path. He soon became aware of the glances cast upon him by the pretty Filipino and was not slow in making her acquaintance. The natural result followed, and so long as Argoncillos was away, the intrigue continued, only being interrupted during his short stays in port. At last it came to his ears and his hot southern nature rebelled against the wrongs done him by the woman and the man, and he planned to surprise them together and stab the guilty pair. But luck was against him, for, before his plans were matured, he was killed by a fall from a derrick, and Veronica and her guilty lover escaped the swift punishment which would otherwise have fallen upon them.

For a year all was sunshine for Veronica and Jones. Few Europeans lived in Kowloon in those days, and these troubled little about the goings on of the young clerk, who had obtained a reputation for being of an unsociable nature. But one day there came to live in the next bungalow to Jones—a daughter, and the daughter brought back to his memory the face of his false love, and the errant Jones found himself insensibly drawn towards her. His visits to Veronica became less frequent, and she soon began to suspect the presence of a rival. At last Jones made the acquaintance of the girl, and after a short courtship was accepted. Then arose the question of disposing of Veronica, and Jones, in a shameful manner, called upon her with a bag of dollars and explained matters, pointing out how impossible it would be for them to be anything to one another henceforth. Veronica did not make a scene as he expected. She took the matter very quietly, but had Jones been able to read the meaning of the steady glitter in her eye as his words cut her to the heart, he might have pined her and made the parting a less matter of fact and business-like affair.

Veronica of course must leave the place; the money Jones brought her would suffice to carry her back to her Philippine home and give her a fresh start in life, and she would soon forget him. Such was the substance of Jones' speech; and Veronica admitted the truth of what he said, and even agreed as to the necessity of their relationship never being revealed to the future Mrs. Jones.

When Jones had gone, Veronica gave full vent to her pent up wrath, and behaved like a caged tigress for an hour or so. How she hated the fair girl who had come between her and her lover, and how willingly would she have compassed her destruction! Against Jones she had no animosity, all the hate was directed at the designing creature who had taken him from her, and on her she determined to be revenged, even though she had to wait a life-time. Then she sat in her lonely room and thought out a plan.

Next morning, as Jones went to office, he noticed that the room occupied by Veronica was shut up, and on enquiring of the Chinese storekeeper from whom she had rented it, he learned that she had left early that morning stating that she was returning to her native place. Had she paid her rent? Oh, yes, and the Chinaman had bought the furniture of her room and hoped to sell it to the next tenant who came along. This satisfied Jones, and he went on his way greatly relieved at the base with which Veronica had been disposed of. A steamer had sailed for Manila that morning and of course Veronica had left by her.

But Veronica had done nothing of the sort. She had packed her belongings in as small a compass as possible and had taken them to the wharf, where she discharged the two coolies who carried them and, hailing a sampan, directed the woman to go to the Manila steamer. This was to avert suspicion should the coolies gossip with her former landlord, but when she reached the steamer she simply went on board with her luggage, stayed for a few minutes, and then left for the Hongkong shore by another sampan. Then she set out for an obscure part of the town and, having hired a room, prepared to wait her opportunity for revenge.

Veronica's wait was a long one, the wedding of Jones did not take place until three months had elapsed. Then the honeymoon, spent at Macao, allowed another fortnight to slip by before her scheme could be carried out. But at last Jones and his wife returned and settled down in the little bungalow in Kowloon, and Veronica knew that her opportunity had come.

It was a hot and stifling summer night when Veronica took a sampan and proceeded to Kowloon, landing on the beach instead of going to the jetty. It was only eight o'clock and she knew that some hours must elapse before she could hope to carry her design to a successful issue. She accordingly settled herself down in the dark shadow of a rock, from where she could obtain a good view of Jones' bungalow and waited. Slowly the hours crept on, and at last the lights in the house were one by one extinguished. Still she feared to leave the shelter of her rock, for late wayfarers might be about, and interrupt her; besides she could still hear the chatter of the Chinese from the servants' quarters. At last she heard the rattling of the rickshaws bringing the passengers from the late ferry launch and shortly afterwards a trio of drunken sailors passed her on the way to their ship lying in dock. Then the sounds of life ceased and all was still, save the sighing of the sea, the rustling of the night wind in the trees, and the shrill chirping of the cicadas. Just as she was about to leave her friendly rock she caught the sound of regular footsteps and, as she crept back into the shadow, a tall Sikh policeman strolled past, his carbine lying in the hollow of his arm, his gaze wandering absently along the road which skirted the shore. She waited until the sound of his slow step had melted into the distance and then stole quietly from her place of concealment.

How loudly the gate creaked as it swung open on its hinges! It seemed to her that the sound could not fail to arouse the servants sleeping in the small porthouse alongside the bungalow, and when she heard a soft pit pat advancing towards her down the path she thought that all her well thought out plan had come to naught, but it was only Jones' dog which knew her well and frisked round her. She bent down and patted him, and then sent him to search for imaginary rats in a rocky, while she continued her course to the house. She crept up the steps into the broad verandah, scarcely daring to breathe, and moved slowly towards the door of the bedroom, which stood wide open, and peered cautiously within. There, at the far side of the room, stood the bed, enclosed in its snowy mosquito curtains, through which the form of Jones and Veronica's rival were dimly visible. Then another check occurred, she had not calculated upon the difficulty of raising the mosquito curtain, which was well tucked in, without arousing the sleeping pair, and she feared that this would end her hopes. However, she crept quietly in and commenced to carefully draw out the bottom of the curtain from under the mattress. She worked very slowly and with the utmost caution, but the rasping of the mosquito net against the sheet appeared to her strained senses to resemble the dragging of a bag of shingle down the beach. At last the curtain had been released down the whole of one side of the bed, and Veronica carefully raised it and placed it upon the hooks. Then she drew from the folds of her dress a keen-edged dagger and bent over the sleeping form of the woman, with the weapon raised in the air. Just as she was about to strike, however, her rival smiled in her sleep and threw one arm around the neck of Jones as he lay beside her. This was the culminating point for Veronica.

What was the surprise and horror of the Joneses next morning to find the body of a Filipino woman lying in a pool of blood alongside their bed. At the inquest the doctors stated that the woman had died from the effects of the severance of an artery, the wound being self-inflicted. Old China hands winked at one another in a knowing manner. Mrs. Jones could never understand what moved the poor misguided creature to choose their bedroom for the scene of her suicide, and Jones—well, Jones held his peace.

GILAH.

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